

Class of 2024: Planning your 4th year



WAYNE STATE
School of Medicine
Office of Student Affairs
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Orthopaedic Surgery



Priority scheduling

Prioritize away rotations early. Plan on top pick (if you know) in the middle.



Recommended year 4 electives

Recommend 3-4 away Orthopaedic rotations. Try to work in variety in location (nationally if possible), in size of program, and in type of program (academic vs. community).



Suggested interview months

Orthopaedic Surgery has used the Universal Offer Day system to allow applicants to consider all offers and accept only those they intend to attend.



USMLE Step 2CK: timing/target scores/etc.

Recommend early Step 2 CK to be as proximate to medical rotations in MS3 as possible. Most programs prefer 240 and higher.



Letters of Recommendation

Should have 4, preferably all from orthopaedics. Some programs require a chair / PD letter.



Recommended Documents and Links to Specialty-Specific Resources

<https://www.aoassn.org/cord-orthopaedic-residency-information-network-orin/>



Additional Recommendations

Recommend meeting with mentor to discuss your personal application.

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