

Internal Medicine Advising

The Department of Internal Medicine (IM) wants to make sure that if you are applying in either

- **Categorical Internal Medicine** or
- **Preliminary Internal Medicine**

that you know how to proceed:

Categorical Internal Medicine

- Attend the Department of IM's orientation for IM applicants which usually occurs sometime between February and April—this session is usually recorded for those that cannot make it.
- Please email Dr. Aronowitz paronowitz@ucdavis.edu and cc: Kristi Threlkeld klthrelkeld@ucdavis.edu just to let us know so you will be in our "radar."
- Meet with Dr. Henderson to request a Department of Medicine Summary Letter (email Kristi Threlkeld klthrelkeld@ucdavis.edu to arrange.)
- This letter is a summary of your performance on your third year Internal Medicine clerkship (MS3 IM), your Subinternship (MS4 AIs) and any IM electives completed.
- Internal Medicine programs look for this letter when you apply to their programs.
- Sign up to do a Mock Interview with Drs. Aronowitz, Henderson or Keenan (applicants have consistently reported that these are super helpful for getting them ready for the interview trail)—these can be arranged by contacting Kristi Threlkeld klthrelkeld@ucdavis.edu and take place between late August and mid-October.
- *If still not clear about any of this, please email Dr. Aronowitz or set up a time to meet with him to discuss questions/concerns.*

Other general things to know about applying in Internal Medicine:

- You should have a minimum of 3 letters of recommendation, including your Department of Medicine letter.
- Ideally should have a letter of recommendation from either your IM Clerkship or Acting Internship (it's fine to have one from each but not mandatory.)
- It's fine to have a non-Internal Medicine letter of recommendation from a different specialty—it's better to have a letter from someone that knows you well in a different specialty than from someone who doesn't know you well in the specialty you're applying for.
- Plan on applying to somewhere between 12 and 24 programs. The number is to be determined at the time you meet with Drs. Aronowitz/Henderson and depends upon multiple factors too numerous to outline here.
- Away rotations are not necessary unless you are interested in checking out, in detail, a program you are highly interested in or are looking for a different sort of experience (e.g., inpatient or outpatient Geriatrics rotation) than you can get at UCD. IM programs do not expect you to do a rotation at their institution and doing one rarely helps your application.

Preliminary Internal Medicine

- Prior to an advanced specialty, you should meet with our Department Chair, Dr. Tim Albertson (this meeting can also be arranged through Kristi Threlkeld klthrelkeld@ucdavis.edu) (This letter will make your application stronger.)
- We encourage you to seek Mock Interviews (if available) through the department of your advanced specialty focus (unfortunately we do not have the resources to Mock Interview all of the categorical IM applicants as well as preliminary IM applicants.)