

Applying to Neurology Residency Program

Faculty Contact (even if you are in the consideration phase of choosing a residency):

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- ❖ We will meet to discuss career goals, application and strategies (as detailed below)

3rd and 4th Year Rotations

- ❖ Consider doing an elective in Neurology during your 3rd year and Recommend 1-2 AI's during 4th year.
- ❖ May consider away "audition" rotation which can help but also hurt you. Consider if you do well in these situations.

USMLE scores and Grades

- ❖ USMLE scores: Study hard and do your best in order to set yourself up with competitive scores. Every institution has their own cut-off for acceptable scores.
- ❖ Grades: It is important to your best on all rotations despite level of interest especially to be maintained in your clinical years.

Research

- ❖ The importance of research depends on the institution. If you have an interest in research, a mentor for support and time then consider. Please do not let it take away from your performance on the USMLE and pre-clinical and clinical years.

Letters of Recommendation

- ❖ Most programs require at least 3 LORs. At least 2 should be from Neurology and consider a 3rd from other specialty (recommend Internal Medicine given one first year of neurology is preliminary year in Internal Medicine).
- ❖ Consider a letter from Neurology Program Director, Department Chair and faculty you have rotated with especially on AI. You want the letters to be from people who know you and have worked with you clinically. Please provide them with your CV and Personal Statement and meet with them personally.

Personal Statement & Curriculum Vitae

- ❖ PS: Make it unique to you. Keep it concise and limited to one page.
- ❖ Be mindful to include pertinent experiences (volunteer, research, and work experience)

Special Consideration

- ❖ Categorical verses Advanced: If applying for Advanced Programs make sure you are applying to ample Preliminary Internal Medicine Programs.

NRMP Dates to be aware of:

- ❖ Sept 15: Registration opens.
- ❖ Oct 1st: Programs receive MSPE and start to review applications and start offering interviews (You want your application complete prior to this date). Oct – Jan Interviews. (Make sure you are flexible rotations).

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