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This message is intended for students beginning their Patient Care Phase clerkships in summer 2020—specifically those who have scheduled time off during summer quarter. This does not apply to June 2021 graduates.

We've heard from quite a few students who have time off from required Patient Care Phase clerkships in summer 2020 and would like to schedule electives. The UWSOM Curriculum office is working on a plan in conjunction with the UW departments to maximize your options, and we'll be in touch as soon as possible with more information and a process to request electives.

We all greatly appreciate your continued patience and understanding.

Take care,

Registration & Scheduling

University of Washington School of Medicine

Dear students,

You will find below information from the Registrar's office regarding your Patient Care Phase rotations for summer quarter which is not the schedule you originally received.

Each year, the clerkship directors and regional deans check with site directors for each clerkship to verify how many students a given clinical site can teach that academic year. This information is shared with the curriculum team who then builds the availability in e*Value. Once that is complete, the registrar team can make clinical rotation schedules for all of you.

Given the pandemic, the clerkship directors and regional deans have asked site directors again to verify how many students they can teach this coming academic year. The availability site directors have provided currently is different than what was provided originally for the 2020-2021 academic year. Which is why, when you see your summer schedule it will look different than your schedule did originally.

At this time, because of the credentialing time needed for your summer rotations, you will not be able to trade your summer rotations. However, I hope you will have the ability to trade fall and winter clerkships if you are interested. Given the difference in length of clerkships for this coming academic year, trades will be more difficult.

The registrar team has begun working on the fall and winter schedules. You may see some rotations for fall and winter quarters when you access your summer schedule. THIS IS NOT YET FINALIZED and will likely change before being finalized. Please DO NOT contact the registrar team regarding anything you may see in your fall or winter quarter schedules. We will let you know when the schedule is finalized.

I know that what you originally envisioned about starting your clinical rotations did not include starting during a pandemic. I know that you may feel frustrated or that this isn't fair. And I agree – this is frustrating, and it isn't fair. One of the unforeseen realities of the pandemic is that travel across states may be impacted by quarantine periods required by some states. At this date, Alaska has a two-week quarantine coming into the state. Other states are lifting their

quarantine periods or have said medical students are essential personnel. We do not know when Alaska will lift their quarantine. This has been factored into your schedules as well. We will be getting back to you with additional information regarding things such as N95 mask fitting, travel, housing and other things you will need to know to begin your clerkships.

Please know that the faculty and staff remain committed to your success in medical school and are working hard to provide the best clinical training experience for you.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me, suzaalle@uw.edu.

Stay well,

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Dear Students,

Please see the attached information on how to view your schedule in E*Value.

For the 2020 – 2021 academic year, the required patient care phase clerkships are 4, 6, and 8 weeks in length. The required surgery clerkship is 6 weeks and is scheduled as one 4-week block followed by one 2-week block. The required internal medicine clerkship is 8 weeks and is scheduled as one 8-week block or as two 4-week blocks. If you are scheduled to begin either surgery or internal medicine in summer C the autumn A portion of the clerkship is part of your confirmed clerkship schedule and will not be revised as we continue to schedule you for autumn and winter clerkships.

We appreciate your continued patience while we work on your autumn 2020 and winter 2021 patient care phase clerkship schedules. We will let you know as soon as they are finalized.

Thank you,
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