

Evidence Based Recommendations for the Special Applicant Population

The CORD Medical Student Advising Task Force presents a series of simulated advising sessions highlighting key challenges EM advisors face when preparing advisees for the EM match. The discussion focuses on special applicant groups distinct from the average US allopathic EM applicant: Osteopathic, International Medical Graduates, At-Risk Applicants, and Re-Applicants. CORD SATF members share consensus-driven recommendations and raw data will be unveiled to strengthen the recommendations and discussion.

Objectives:

1. Identify key challenges facing Osteopathic (DO), International Medical Graduates (IMG), “At-Risk”, and Re-Applicants applicants.
2. Analyze available evidence-based data and literature, CORD SATF members’ expert opinions and existing advising resources for these applicants.
3. To propose a set of evidence-based advising recommendations for key issues pertinent to these special applicant groups.

Representative Case Presentations

Olivia Osteopathic

- Facts: Step 1: 248, COMLEX 1: 600, COMLEX 2: 675. High-passes core-rotation and 1st audition EM rotation.
- Behavior: Quiet
- Key Question(s): *Do I need to take USMLE Step 2? How many programs should I apply to? How many interviews? How should I target my interviews? What should I do about the AOA match?*

Elsa the IMG

- Fact: Step 1: 235. Pending Step 2 score and EM rotation grade. Only has 1 EM rotation scheduled.
- Behavior: Serious, knows the upcoming battle is challenging
- Key Question(s): *Do I need more than one SLOE? Do you recommend a backup plan? How many programs should I apply to? Should I have a pre-interview backup plan?*

Steve StepFail

- Fact: Step 1: 185 (fail), 2nd try: 210 (pass). Had to retake an exam 2nd year and the IM shelf last year.
- Behavior: Normal, well-liked. Suspects test-taking issue
- Key Questions: *Can I match into EM? Will USMLE Step 2 make any difference? How many programs should I apply to? Should I mention this in my personal statement? Do I need a backup plan?*

Ricky Re-Applicant

- Fact: Did not match into EM, wants to “SOAP”. Step 1: 235. Step 2: 240. Did 15 interviews. Had one lower 1/3rd SLOE and one middle 1/3rd SLOE.
- Behavior: Cocky, limits insight, can be overbearing.
- Key Questions: *What do I do now? What should I do differently next application cycle?*

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