Out-of-System Rotations during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Student applies for Out-of-System Rotation

Is travel required?

YES

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NO

Guidance does not apply

NO

Is travel to the rotation permitted?

YES

Is travel to the rotation safe and COM safety requirements met?

NO

COM should NOT qualify student for rotation

NO

Does student need the rotation to meet a curricular requirement or accreditation?

NO

COM should NOT qualify student for rotation

YES

Did the student have access to a residency-based rotation in their specialty of interest?

YES

Student qualifies for the Out-of-System Rotation

NO

KEY COM CRITERIA

Does the COM believe it is safe for patients, students, and health care providers for the student to take this rotation?
Q. My student wants to match to surgery. We offer a residency-based surgery rotation at a site close to him, but it filled last year and he was unable to sign up for it. Does he qualify for an away rotation?

A. Yes, this student qualifies as he did not have access to the rotation – since there was not room for him. (He may also qualify for additional away rotations if they are required to meet his graduation requirements.)
Q. My student wants to match into family medicine, and did a family medicine rotation with a residency program at her site last year. She needs an emergency medicine rotation for a fourth-year requirement and we don't offer that at her site. Can she do an away rotation with a residency program in emergency medicine and potentially get a letter of recommendation to help her family medicine residency application?

A. Yes, this student qualifies for an away rotation since the rotation is required for graduation and isn't available at her site.
**Vignette 3**

**Q.** My student wants to match to internal medicine. Last year, she was able to do an internal medicine rotation with a residency program at her site, and it solidified her interest in the specialty. The rotation was early in her third year, and she wants to do another “audition” rotation to show off her current skills at a program she is very interested in matching to. Her required fourth-year rotations are all scheduled but she has some electives, currently scheduled at her home site, that she could cancel to do this rotation. Can she apply for this rotation?

**A.** No, this student could not apply for an away rotation under either exception, as she has already done a rotation in her specialty of interest with a residency program, and she does not need the rotation to meet a graduation or accreditation requirement.