

NEUROLOGY

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Which clerkships are required for students to match into this specialty?

Neurology

At what point in the interview season should a student consider applying to more residency programs in your specialty?

If they are getting less than 50% of programs responding for interviews, they should broaden their application list

After initial month, if resident has less than 10 invitations

At what point should a student consider applying to a back-up specialty?

If they are getting fewer than 50% of programs inviting for interview and they applied to a broad range of programs (i.e. if they applied only to the most competitive programs, they need to apply more broadly, if they applied broadly, then a backup plan should be considered)

Recognizing that it can vary from year to year, when is the typical interview season for this specialty nationally?

Mid-October or November through early January

Do you have any additional recommendations for students who are committed to matching in this specialty?

I recommend anyone planning to go into Neurology should meet with me directly to discuss USMLE scores are not the most important part of their application. Having an interesting path, and communication skills are key.

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	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not at all important
Achieving "Honors" in this specialty's clerkship rotation	*				
Completing a preceptorship in this specialty	*				
Completing an active internship and electives in this specialty	*				
Completing an away rotation in this specialty					*
Completing a research project in this specialty				*	
Completing a research project in any specialty			*		
Having a published abstract or poster presentation			*		
Having at least one published paper in a peer reviewed journal				*	
Having a Step 1 USMLE score above 230				*	
Having a Step 2 USMLE score before ERAS submission				*	
1 letter of recommendation from a physician in this specialty	*				
3 letters of recommendation from physicians in this specialty				*	
1 letter of recommendation from a research mentor					*
1 letter of recommendation from a department chair in this specialty					*
Participation in community services			*		
Service in a leadership role			*		