
Professional Organization

- American College of Osteopathic Internists - www.acoi.org
- American College of Physicians
www.acponline.org

Internal Medicine Fellowships

The following fellowships are available for those interested in subspecialization in internal medicine:

- Adolescent Medicine
- Adult Congenital Heart Disease
- Advanced Heart Failure & Transplant Cardiology
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology
- Critical Care Medicine
- Endocrinology, Diabetes, & Metabolism
- Gastroenterology
- Geriatric Medicine
- Hematology
- Hospice & Palliative Medicine
- Infectious Disease
- Interventional Cardiology
- Medical Oncology
- Nephrology
- Pulmonary Disease
- Rheumatology
- Sleep Medicine
- Sports Medicine
- Transplant Hepatology

Career Counseling

If you are interested in learning more, please feel free to meet with the UIWSOM Career Counselor, Dr. Martin Timoney in A113 in Building 1. Scheduled appointments and walk-ins are both welcome. You can schedule an appointment directly onto Martin's calendar by scanning the QR code below. You can also email him at timoney@uiwtx.edu or call him at 210-619-7074



Data Sources

The information found in this leaflet came from the following sources:

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Residency Fact Sheet 2020/2021



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Residency Basics

Mean COMLEX 1 (2020)	539
Mean USMLE 1 (2020)	227
Preliminary Year	No
Residency Length	3 Years
Number of Programs (2020)	563
Percentage of Programs that typically offer interviews to DO students (2020)	75%

Lifestyle Overview

Median Salary	\$261,000
Average Work Hours per week	54.9
Average Weeks Worked per Year	47.7

Top 5 Factors Cited for Selecting Programs to Apply to (2019)

- Desired geographic location (87%)
- Reputation of the program (86%)
- Perceived sense of compatibility with program (83%)
- Program located at an academic medical center (83%)
- Opportunities for future fellowship training (73%)

Top 10 Factors for Selecting Candidates for Interview (2020)

1. USMLE Step 2 CK score (93%)
2. USMLE Step 1 score (91%)
3. MSPE (89%)
4. Passing USMLE 2 CS (84%)
5. COMLEX Level 1 (80%)
6. (=5) COMLEX Level 2 CE (80%)
7. (=5) Class ranking/quartile (80%)
8. Grades in core rotations (77%)
9. Letters of recommendation in the specialty (75%)
10. Any failed USMLE attempt (73%)

Top 10 Factors for Ranking Applicants in the Match (2020)

1. Interactions with faculty during interview (95%)
2. (=1) Interpersonal skills (95%)
3. Interactions with house staff during visit (86%)
4. USMLE Step 2 score (84%)
5. Feedback from current residents (82%)
6. (=5) USMLE Step 1 score (82%)
7. MSPE (80%)
8. Evidence of ethics and professionalism (77%)
9. Letters of recommendation in the specialty (73%)
10. (=9) Passing USMLE Step 2 CS (73%)

Interpreting the Data

- Board scores are always important in terms of residency applications. While it is always important to aim to do as well as possible for board exams, stellar scores are not necessarily required for many internal medicine residency programs.
- Letters of recommendation are important when applying to internal medicine. It is important to seek strong letters from internists (Freeman, 2019).
- The personal statement should communicate your passion for internal medicine (Freeman, 2019). Make sure the statement is well written and error free.
- Applicants should aim to do well in all core rotations and achieve an honors grade in evaluation in the internal medicine rotations if possible.
- Internal medicine program directors often like to see evidence of a passion for non-medical activities as this can convey the message that the applicant is a well-rounded individual (Freeman, 2019). Be sure to include involvement in any extracurricular/volunteer activities both in medical school and at undergrad level.