Audition Electives: What’s a Fourth Year to Do?

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Learning Objectives

- Participants will discuss the value of “audition electives” and how they handle these electives at their school.
- Participants will compare “competitive specialties” and discuss the value of the audition for these fields.
- Participants will analyze the results of a survey of fourth year students about their auditions.
- Participants will demonstrate, through discussion how to advise students about audition electives.
Agenda

• Introduction to the Topic  Higgins
• Audition Elective Process  Panelists
• Results of Survey  Higgins
• Discussion  Group
• Cases  Group
• Summary  Group
Survey Data

Did you do an Audition Elective?
- Yes: 68%
- No: 32%

Did you Match where you Auditioned?
- Yes: 70%
- No: 30%

Did you get a Match in your Top 3?
- Auditioners: 72%
- Nonauditioners: 71%

What was the cost of doing auditions?
- Less than $500: 0%
- $500 to $1000: 5%
- $1000 to $2000: 10%
- More than $2000: 15%
Cases

Case 1
Christina is a 4th year medical student who wants to match in ENT. Her father is an ENT in private practice (not in your State). She has received two Honors grades and is in the Top Third of the class. Her Step 1 score is 220. She has done research in the field.

She has been told she has a shot at ENT by the PD at your institution who has also told her she should do three ENT rotations: one at your school and two “auditions”. How would you advise her?

Case 2
Joel is a 3rd year student who is planning his 4th year rotations. He is 65% certain he wants to do Internal Medicine. He wants to match in a competitive program. He is also considering radiology. He received an EH on his third year clerkship in Internal Medicine and has not had any real exposure to radiology. He is AOA and his Step 1 score is 241. How would you help him structure his 4th year? Should he take a subinternship in Medicine? Does he need to “audition”?