Introduction to the Practice of American Medicine

IPAM

A two-day workshop designed to prepare candidates to apply for medical residency training in the United States
The Harvard Medical School Introduction to the Practice of American Medicine course is designed to prepare candidates to apply for medical residency training in the United States. Drawing on the expertise of Harvard faculty directly involved in educating medical trainees, this two-day program will provide unique insights into the process of residency application process.

Attendees at the live course will receive training in the form of lectures, interactive panel discussions and hands-on workshop sessions focused on specific areas of the application process. For those unable to attend in person, we offer an online, live-streaming option with complete access to all lectures and panel discussions.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Upon completion of the IPAM program, attendees will be able to:

• Understand the requirements for acceptance to a medical residency program
• Understand what programs seek in potential candidates and how to tailor their applications accordingly
• Prepare a clear, focused and memorable personal statement
• Prepare a curriculum vitae
• Navigate the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS)
• Navigate the match and registration process
• Register for the Main Residency Match or the Specialties Residency Match
• Optimize chance of acceptance in their residency program of choice based on their personal and professional needs
INTRODUCTION TO THE PRACTICE OF AMERICAN MEDICINE

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WORKSHOP SCHEDULE (Sample)

Day 1

9:00 am  Welcome and Introductory Remarks *
9:15 am  Structure of Training in the US & Match process *
9:45 am  What Residency programs want in an applicant *
10:15 am Break
10:30 am Keynote Lecture: US Medical Licensing Examination: Preparing physicians for clinical excellence *
11:15 am The importance of US clinical experience *
11:45 am CV preparation *
12:15 pm Lunch
1:30 pm  Interview Workshop I
2:30 pm  The importance of research experience
3:00 pm Break
3:15 pm  Personal Statement Workshop
4:15 pm  Summary and closing

Day 2

8:30 am Which Residency and where to apply *
9:00 am Letters of Recommendation *
9:30 am Attaining high USMLE scores *
10:00 am Break
10:15 am Success in the US after Residency Training/Career paths *
10:45 am Panel Discussion - Common Pitfalls and how to avoid them *
11:30 am The Clinical Skills Exam - Patient encounter and case presentation *
12:00 pm Lunch
1:15 pm  Interview workshop II
2:15 pm CV Workshop
3:15 pm Summary Discussion and Closing Remarks

*Live-streamed material available online.

This is a sample schedule subject to revision according to the course duration.
Dr. Christopher is a board certified physician in Internal Medicine, Critical Care Medicine and Nephrology and is Director of the IPAM program. He is active in patient care and training of students, fellows and physicians. He graduated from the University of California, San Diego and New York Medical College. Dr. Christopher trained in Internal Medicine and Critical Care Medicine at the Brown University program and then Nephrology at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital. He currently serves as Assistant Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency and Assistant Director of the Preliminary Residency Program at the Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. Christopher has published 32 peer-reviewed scientific manuscripts and has multiple ongoing collaborative observational and interventional studies with collaborators in the US, Canada, Japan, Austria and England.

Dr. McGrath is Associate Director of the IPAM program and Instructor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School. She is also an Associate Physician and attending nephrologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH). Dr. McGrath received her medical degree from University College Cork, Ireland, and completed her internal medicine residency and nephrology training in Ireland. She joined the BWH/MGH Nephrology fellowship program in 2009 and was subsequently recruited to faculty at BWH in 2012. Dr. McGrath's subspecialty interest is in transplant nephrology and she is an investigator in transplant immunology at the Transplantation Research Center, BWH. Her research is focused on targeting T cell costimulatory pathways in allograft rejection and developing novel therapies to promote transplantation tolerance.

Dr. Singh is Associate Dean for Global and Continuing Education, at Harvard Medical School, member of the renal division in the Department of Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Associate Professor of Medicine at HMS and executive director of the Dubai Harvard Foundation for Medical Research. He completed his undergraduate and medical training at University College School of Medicine in England and his clinical and research renal fellowship at Tufts-New England Medical Center. Dr. Singh is also Director of Postgraduate Medical Education at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. He has earned international recognition for his work in medical education, leading several Harvard continuing medical education (CME) courses as well as lecturing both nationally and internationally. Dr. Singh is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in London, and received his MBA from Boston University.
IPAM | WORKSHOPS

IPAM workshops cover two days of intensive coursework, led by Harvard Medical School faculty with extensive experience in educating medical trainees and preparing medical graduates for residency programs.

WORKSHOP DATES AND LOCATIONS

Dubai, United Arab Emirate:  
Wednesday, May 6, 2015

New York City, NY  
July 18 - 19, 2015
WHO SHOULD REGISTER FOR THE HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL IPAM WORKSHOP?
Medical graduates and undergraduates planning to apply for medical or surgical residencies in US-based programs in the coming years.

TUITION
Registration forms for the IPAM program’s on-site workshop and live stream and on-demand sessions are available on the IPAM program website, hms.harvard.edu/ipam. Tuition for the IPAM program is US $450.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT TERMS

REFUND AND CANCELATION POLICY: We are unable to provide refunds should an applicant register then be unable to attend the program. A full refund will be given should the program be canceled due to insufficient enrollment. Notification of cancelation will be provided at least 30 days prior to the program’s start.

PAYMENT METHODS
1. PREFERRED: Check payable to Harvard Medical School:
   (Mail to:)
   Harvard Medical School IPAM course
   Harvard Medical School, Gordon Hall, Suite 001
   25 Shattuck Street, Boston, MA 02115
2. Wire Transfer - Use the following information:
   (Reference “HMS IPAM - student last name”)
   President and Fellows of Harvard College
   Bank Account# 805-09035 Wire
   ABA# 0260-09593
   Bank of America 100 Federal Street Boston, MA 02110
   USA Swift Code - BOFAUS3N (for international wires)
   * Applicants are responsible for all associated wire transfer fees and to pay tuition in full.
3. Credit Card (payment form available at hms.harvard.edu/ipam
4. Cash payment is not accepted.
   Email confirmation will be sent to you upon receipt of your paid registration.
   Please provide the email address that you check frequently.