

Away Rotations of U.S. Medical School Graduates by Intended Specialty, 2020
AAMC Medical School Graduation Questionnaire (GQ)



The table below displays the number of away rotations reported by U.S. medical school students who graduated in academic year 2019-2020 and responded to the 2020 Graduation Questionnaire (GQ), by intended future specialty. Please email datarequest@aamc.org if you need further assistance.

Intended Specialty	All U.S. Medical Schools			
	Count	Percent Reporting One or More Away Rotations	Average Number of Away Rotations for those with One or More Away Rotations	Median Number of Away Rotations for those with One or More Away Rotations
Anesthesiology	962	44.1	1.6	1
Child Neurology	93	48.4	1.8	2
Dermatology	345	86.7	2.7	3
Emergency Medicine	1,451	95.8	1.9	2
Family Medicine	1,324	39.1	1.8	1
Internal Medicine	2,997	30.2	1.7	1
Internal Medicine/Pediatrics	282	34.0	1.4	1
Medical Genetics and Genomics	12	41.7	1.4	1
Neurological Surgery	171	99.4	2.6	2
Neurology	379	39.3	1.6	1
Obstetrics and Gynecology	1,017	54.5	1.6	1
Ophthalmology	353	73.7	2.0	2
Orthopaedic Surgery	620	98.9	3.0	3
Otolaryngology	329	92.1	2.2	2
Pathology-Anatomic and Clinical	166	41.0	1.7	2
Pediatrics	1,492	41.5	1.6	1
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	189	65.1	1.9	2
Plastic Surgery	152	97.4	2.9	3
Preventive Medicine	8	62.5	1.6	2
Psychiatry	932	39.7	1.6	1
Radiation Oncology	100	93.0	2.4	2
Radiology-Diagnostic	617	48.9	1.9	2
Surgery-General	940	59.8	1.8	2
Thoracic Surgery	82	80.5	2.1	2
Urology	270	98.5	2.3	2
Vascular Surgery	58	86.2	2.1	2

Intended Specialty is the response to: "When thinking about your career, what is your intended area of practice?"

Away Rotations is the response to: "By the time you have graduated from medical school, will you have completed any away rotations? Include only rotations that were not required by your medical school and were at institutions not affiliated with your medical school." Overall, 54.7% of 15,860 GQ respondents reported having at least one away rotation. Away rotations may or may not have been administered through the Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO) program.

Number of Away Rotations is the response to: "How many away rotations will you have completed? Include only rotations that were not required by your medical school for graduation and were at institutions not affiliated with your medical school."