

# Frequently Asked Questions

- **How many residency spots are available?**
  - We have 34 Categorical spots available.
- **Do you have any international medical graduates in your program?**
  - Yes – about 5-10% of our residents are international graduates.
- **Do you have a minimum USMLE score?**
  - USMLE exams are considered as a part of our holistic review process. Step 1 scores are already viewed as a pass/fail exam and are not used quantitatively in the ranking process. Over the past few years our matched applicants average about 250 on Step 2 CK.
- **Can I do an observership at your program?**
  - The Department of Medicine at Rush does not sponsor observerships.
- **Should I still apply to your program if I failed the USMLE on a prior attempt?**
  - In most situations, we require passing the USMLE exams on the first try.
- **Do you require USMLE Step 2 prior to interviewing and/or ranking?**
  - Step 2 CK is not required prior to interviewing.
  - We do require completion and passing Step 2 CK before consideration for ranking on our match list
- **Do you require USMLE Steps 1 & 2 for DO candidates?**
  - Step 1 is required in order to obtain an interview with our program.
  - Step 2 CK is not required prior to interviewing.
  - Since some schools require passing Step 2 as a graduation requirement, and the state of Illinois requires it for licensure, we prefer, if possible, to have both USMLE scores to complete your application.
- **When do the new house staff start?**
  - Orientation begins the last full week of June. The academic year for interns begins on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **What are my chances of getting into the program?**
  - RUMC is a highly competitive program, but we encourage you to apply. Completed applications will undergo holistic review as a part of our ranking process.