

From Community College to Cardiology



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Step #1: Know Thyself

- Consider your path. Do you want to go to a four year university, community college and then transfer, MD/BS, or combined out of country program (consider money, time, class availability, quality of professors, etc)?
- Whichever one, do well academically, find mentors and identify those who can write you strong letters.

Step #2: Excel

- Identify extracurriculars that **YOU** feel passionate about and pursue them
- Remember you have to do well academically and enjoy this time; so don't do 30 things and do them poorly. Do 10 things but do them all well.
- Identify when to take the MCAT, pick an appropriate time and excel. There is no shame in using a test prep course (if you think it will help - do it).
- Research isn't mandatory but it does help; again make sure **YOU** are getting something out of it.

Step #3: Prepare for admission

- Start your application, gather your letters, get your transcripts.
- **Remember, when you ask for letters ask for strong letters. If someone can't do that, better not to use that letter.**

Step #4:

- Use MSAR

2022 Application Dates

Date*	Event
April 7	2022 AMCAS resources available
May 3	AMCAS application opens
May 27	AMCAS application submission begins
June 25	Initial transmission of application data to medical schools
August 2	Early Decision Program deadline
Sept.-Dec.	Application deadlines

*Dates subject to change

Application Deadlines

- Application must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET of the deadline date
- Transcript deadlines must be received by AMCAS within 14 calendar days of the application deadline date
- Must be received by August 2 for early decision applicants
- Visit www.aamc.org/amcasdeadlines

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2022 AMCAS Participation

Tentative 2022 Participation	
Application	152 Schools/Programs All MD granting schools in the United States with the exception of MD programs at Texas public schools
AMCAS Letters	152 Schools/Programs
Criminal Background Checks	129 Schools/Programs

2022 AMCAS Application Fees:

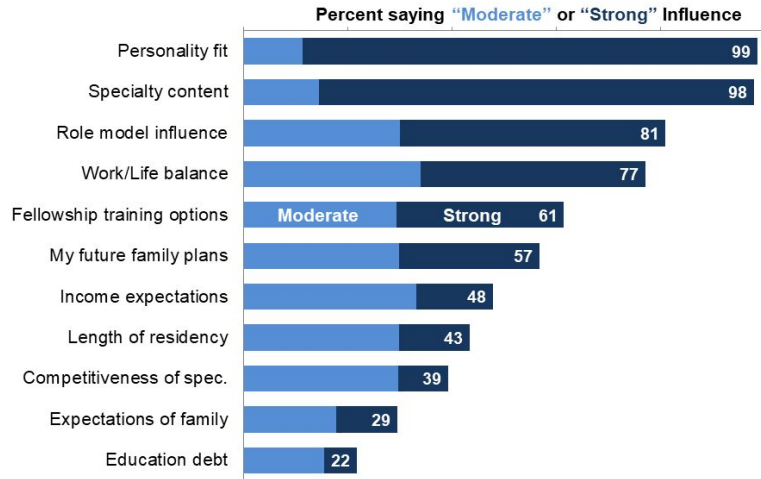
- \$170 processing fee (includes one school designation)
- \$42 for each additional school

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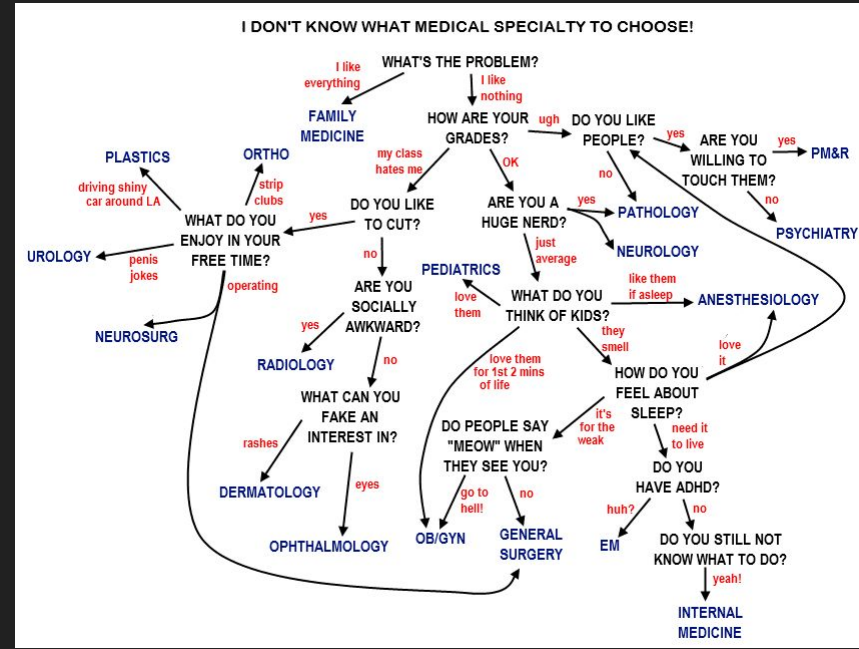
Step #5: Rinse and Repeat

- You're in, works done. **Not.**
- Now you have to decide on which specialty you want to go into

Influence of various factors on the specialty choice of graduating medical students, 2019

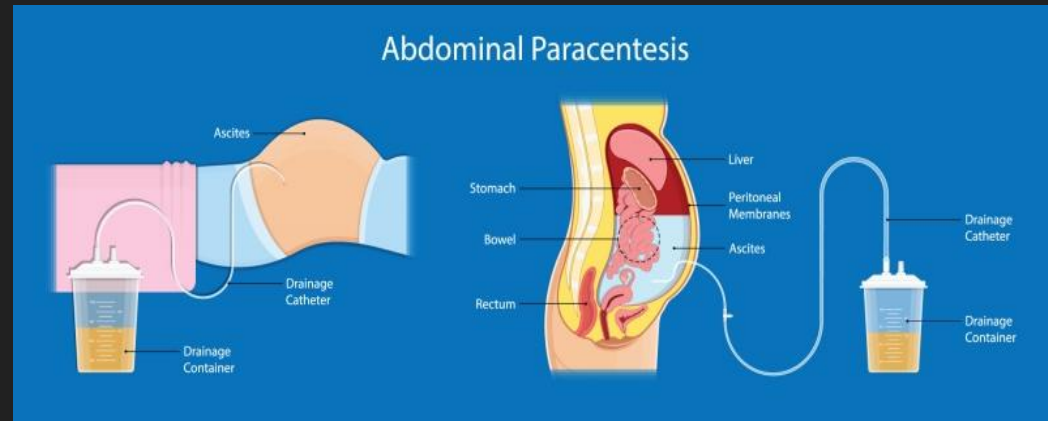
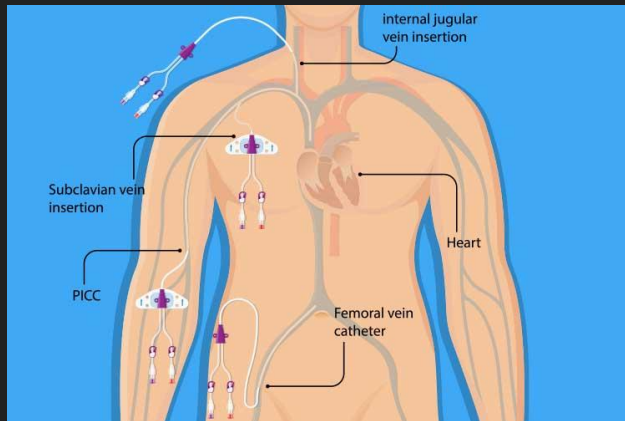


Source: AAMC Graduation Questionnaire, 2019, Q32



Step #6: Now What?

- Hospitalist (3 years of IM and then can practice)
- Primary care physician (3 years of IM and then can practice)
- Specialist: Rheum, ID, Cardiology, GI, Sports, Heme-Onc, etc (all vary in terms of length after IM. So in total 3 years + x years)
- Super specialist: IBD, Interventional Cardiology, BMT, etc
- Proceduralist



Step #7: Save The Heart

- So you know you picked the best field, cardiology.
- What type of cardiologist do you want to be: Interventional Cardiology, Heart Failure/Transplant, Structural Cardiology, Advanced Imaging, EP, Cardio Oncology, Congenital Cardiology, General Cardiology

Questions?

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