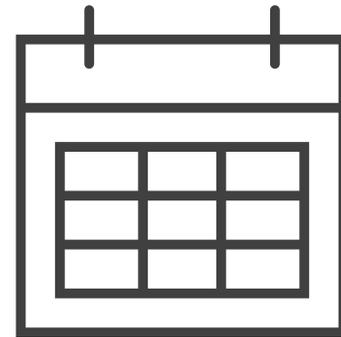


CO2028 MS3 Elective Scheduling

MARCH 9, 2026 AT 12PM

Clerkship Year Schedules

- 11 months of curriculum
 - Medicine Clerkship (2 months)
 - Surgery Clerkship (2 months)
 - Pediatrics & Neurology Clerkship (2 months)
 - OB/Gyn & Neurology Clerkship (2 months)
 - Psychiatry Clerkship (1 month)
 - Family Medicine Clerkship (1 month)
 - Emergency Medicine Clerkship (1 month)
- Depending on your start date (in May- Block 11 or June- Block 12) ...
- Depending if you are completing your EM clerkship...
- **You could have 1 open month...which is where electives (and sometimes sub-internships) come in!**



What are Electives?

- 4-week clinical rotations allowing students to add personalization as well as breadth and depth to their curriculum - ***Many different elective choices!***
- **SIX Electives** are required for graduation
 - Up to (and no more than) TWO Pre-Clerkship Electives may count
 - At least TWO electives must be “on campus” (i.e. in catalog)
 - Pre-clerkship electives are “on campus”
 - No more than THREE extramural electives (i.e. clinical rotations not in our course catalog) may be counted toward the total elective count

What are Sub-Internships (Sub-Is)?

- 4-week clinical rotations with direct patient care at an intern level demonstrating independent thinking and clinical decision making
- **TWO Sub-Internships** are required
 - Must be completed “on campus” – i.e., in our catalog
 - High level of responsibility, absences should be minimized

Graduation Requirements

CORE CLINICAL PHASE REQUIREMENTS:

Pass all third-year clerkships (8), including shelf examinations

Pass **TWO** sub-internships*

Pass **SIX** electives*

- No more than TWO Pre-clerkship elective equivalents may be counted toward the total elective count
- No more than THREE extramural electives (i.e. clinical rotations not in our course catalog) may be counted toward the total elective count

Pass **ONE** PoM4: Transition to Residency (4 weeks) or equivalent

Complete an FRCT Scholarly Project

Pass OSCE

Take USMLE Step 2, Clinical Knowledge examination

Complete an Exit Interview with Financial Aid

***Additional Requirements:** Note: these are NOT in addition to the above but can fulfill an elective or sub-internship requirement in the core clinical phase requirements.

Ambulatory Requirement^: one (4-week) of the six above required electives or one (4-week) of the two above required sub-internships must be an Ambulatory rotation (as designated via the "Ambulatory" tab in the course catalog); in addition to the expectations of the elective, students will have designated curricular material to satisfy the ambulatory requirement; this requirement cannot be fulfilled with a pre-clerkship elective.

Holistic Care of the Patient Requirement^: one (4-week) of the six above required electives or one (4-week) sub-internships must satisfy the Holistic Care of the Patient requirement (as designated via the "Holistic Care" tag in the course catalog). This requirement cannot be fulfilled with a pre-clerkship elective.

^The same rotation cannot fulfill both the Ambulatory and Holistic Care of the Patient Requirement.

★ At least one clinical rotation (as designated via the "Clinical" tab in the course catalog) must be completed in the same semester as graduation.

Why do we do an elective in MS3 year?

- Consider personal and professional interests and goals
- You may consider courses that will
 - Help you explore or confirm a specialty of interest
 - Fulfill a personal interest
 - Be useful in preparation for internship
 - Be useful in preparation for specialty-based courses (e.g. pre-reqs)
 - Achieve other professional goals, e.g., Research



How to choose?

- Timing in your schedule
- Pre-requisites required for certain rotations
- Career Exploration
- Departmental Networking
- Exposure to a field that you may not spend much time in during clerkship year
- Pros and cons of doing a rotation in your interested specialty early in MS3 year

Clinical Scheduling Page- OSA Handbook

Clinical Scheduling

- < Advising
- Specialty Exploration
- Match Info
- Advising Newsletters
- Alternative Careers
- The Alumni Network
- Clinical Scheduling**
- Clerkship Scheduling
- Advanced Clinical Phase Scheduling
- Ambulatory Scheduling
- Extramural (Away) Rotations
- Special Approval/ International Rotations
- Drop/Add Process

Clinical Scheduling

Student Scheduling

The Offices of Medical Education and Student Affairs support student scheduling during the clinical phases of the curriculum. The 12-month Clerkship phase is scheduled during the Spring Term of the second year. Scheduling for the Advanced Clinical Phase begins in the Spring Term of the Clerkship phase. Students have at least one elective opportunity in the Clerkship Phase and the flexibility to build their own unique schedules in the Advanced Clinical Phase, within the framework of the Graduation Requirements, to meet personal and professional goals.

The Academic Year runs July 1 - Jun 30. Please check the appropriate Academic Catalog for active courses. *Current students should login to see course availability.*

Course Catalogs: Current: [2025-2026](#) | Upcoming: [2026-2027](#)

Clinical Academic Calendars: Current  [2025-2026](#) | Upcoming  [2026-2027](#)

Helpful Resources: [Residency Application Manual](#) | [Guidance for Choosing Electives](#) | [Specialty Resources](#) | [M4 Scheduling FAQs](#)

Graduation Requirements: [School Policies](#) | [Degree Works](#)

Guidance for Choosing Electives

Anesthesiology

- Anesthesiology
- Pain Management
- Surgical Intensive Care Subl
- Cardiology
- Emergency Ultrasound
- Emergency Medicine Sub I
- Lab Pathology Elective
- Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery
- Otolaryngology Outpatient
- Radiologic Procedures
- Transfusion Medicine
- Trauma ICU Subl
- Neurocritical Care Subl
- Medicine Subl
- Patient Safety/Quality Improvement*

*Requires prior approval

Emergency Medicine

- Critical Care Transport
- EM/IM
- Emergency Medical Service
- Emergency Medicine Subl
- Emergency Medicine Ultrasound
- Hyperbaric Medicine
- Addiction Medicine
- Anesthesia
- Cardiology
- Emergency and Trauma Radiology
- General Radiology
- Lab Pathology
- Medicine Critical Care Subl
- Orthopedics Outpatient
- Pain Medicine
- Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- Psychiatry Subl
- Shock Trauma Intensive Care Subl
- Surgical Critical Care Subl
- Transfusion Medicine

Internal Medicine

- Medicine Elective (Any in Catalog)
- Medicine Sub I (Any in Catalog)*
- Addiction Psychiatry
- Anesthesiology
- Dermatology
- Eating Disorders
- Emergency Medicine Sub I
- Emergency Medicine Ultrasound
- EM/IM
- Family Planning
- General Radiology
- Laboratory Medicine Pathology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedics Outpatient
- Otolaryngology Outpatient
- Pain Management
- Psychiatry Consultation- Liaison
- Radiation Oncology

*Consider at least one critical care rotation

Pediatrics

- Pediatrics Elective (Any)
- Pediatrics Sub I (Any)*
- Addiction Psychiatry
- Child Psychiatry
- Eating Disorders
- Lab Pathology
- Neurology subspecialty clinics
- Ophthalmology
- Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- Pediatric Radiology
- Pediatric Otolaryngology
- Pediatric Surgery Subl

Psychiatry

- Any Psychiatry from Catalog
- Adult HIV Outpatient
- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Cardiology
- Diagnostic Neuroradiology
- EM elective or EM/IM
- EM Subl
- Endocrinology and Diabetes
- Family medicine Subl (inpatient or ambulatory)
- Geriatric Medicine
- Healthcare for the Homeless
- Infectious Disease
- Infectious Disease Subl
- Medicine Consultation
- Medicine Subl
- Neurology Subspecialty Clinics
- Neuroradiology
- Nutrition
- Pain management
- Palliative Medicine
- Patient Safety and Quality Improvement*
- Pediatric Behavior and Development
- Pediatric Behavior and Development
- Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- Pediatric Endocrinology
- Public Health
- Rheumatology

*requires prior approval

General Surgery

- General Surgery Sub I
- Minimally Invasive Surgery Sub I
- Pediatric Surgery Sub I
- Organ Transplant Sub I
- Soft Tissue Surgery
- Subspecialty Surgery
- Surgical Oncology Sub I
- Surgical Simulation and Educational Excellence
- Abdominal Imaging
- Addiction Psychiatry
- Anesthesiology
- B2B Clinical Anatomy
- Cardiology
- Diagnostic Radiology
- Endocrine and Diabetes
- Emergency and Trauma Radiology
- Gynecologic Oncology Subl
- Infectious Disease
- Radiology Procedures
- Lab Pathology
- Otorhinolaryngology Subl
- Nephrology Transplant Medicine
- Nutrition
- Surgical/Autopsy Pathology
- Transfusion Medicine

Limitations on MS3 Elective Months

- The following rotations cannot be taken during the Clerkship Phase:
 - Out-of-State
 - International
 - Extramural (away) rotations



Things to consider

- If your open block is in the last quarter of clerkship year, you can take a Sub-Internship (assuming you have met pre-requisites)
 - Last quarter: Block 8-February, Block 9-March, Block 10-April
- If your specialty of interest has only one Advanced Clinical Phase (M4) rotation (e.g. Ophthalmology or Urology) – please speak with a specialty or OSA advisor about the ideal time for you to take this rotation.
- Ambulatory requirement/tag

Ambulatory Requirement



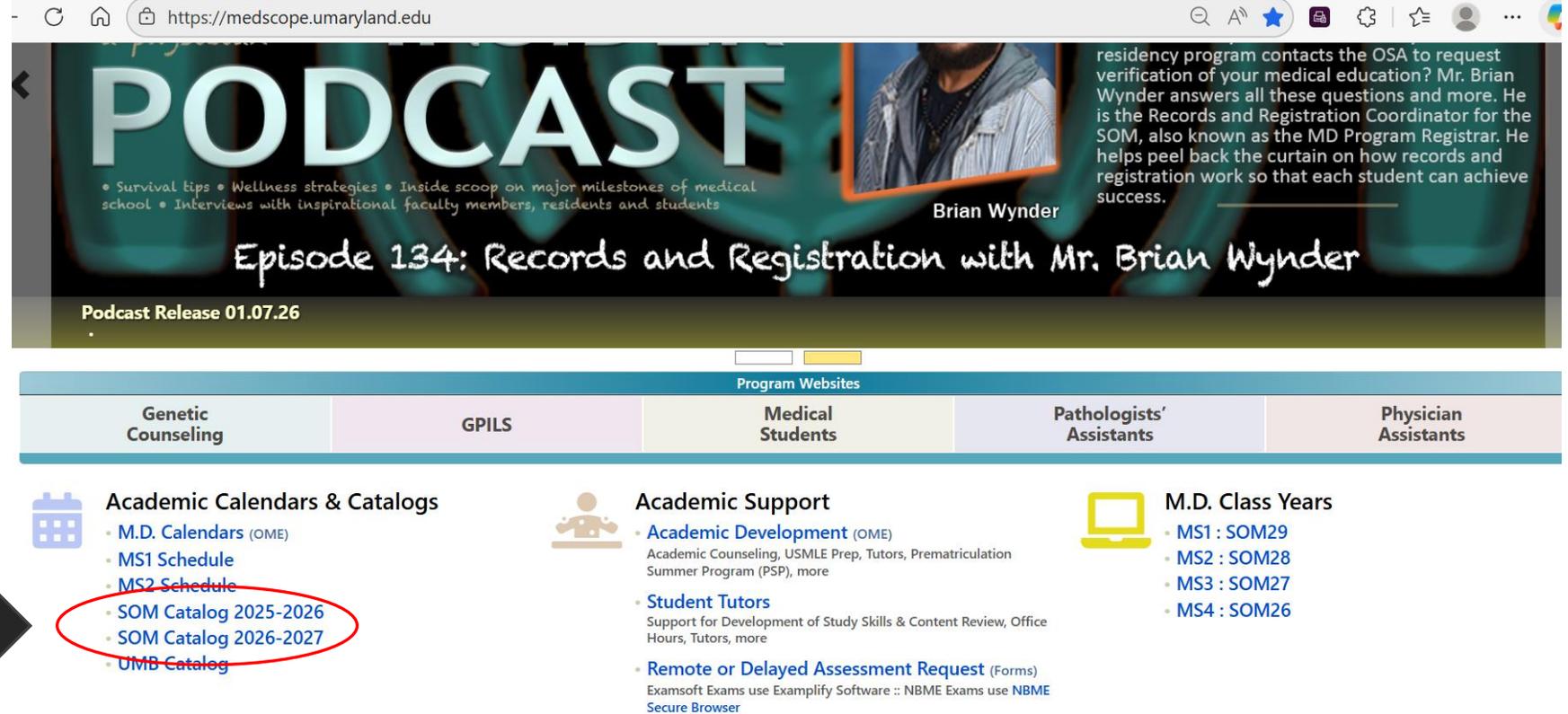
- The best way to get ambulatory completed as an MS3 is to do Eastern or Western AHEC which are currently available every block.
- If you schedule an elective that has an Ambulatory tag in the course catalog, you may be eligible to complete the Ambulatory Curriculum with this elective
 - You would be registered for the elective (ANES 542- Pain Management)
- AND
- You would be registered for the ambulatory curriculum (AMBL 540- Ambulatory Selective)
- Note: AMBL-540 is ADDITIONAL coursework during the elective rotation.
- You can take a rotation that counts for ambulatory and not get ambulatory credit
 - Ambulatory (AMBL 540) has a specific number of spots per rotation block.
 - If those spots are full, the AMBL 540 cannot be added and you will need to do another rotation in MS4 year to satisfy your ambulatory requirement.

Is there room in AMBL 540?

- If you choose an ambulatory elective on-campus, the scheduling team will alert you and register you in the AMBL-540 curriculum, IF THERE IS SPACE!
- Space is very limited - currently 11 spots total in blocks 1-9 available.
- The curriculum must be completed during the rotation and there is no retrospective credit.
- If you change your original elective, it will be your responsibility to work with AMBL-540 Course Leadership to get the AMBL 540 designation.
 - Clinical Scheduling → Ambulatory Schedule Changes (dropdown at the bottom of the page)

Exploring the Course Catalog

MedScope



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://medscope.umaryland.edu>. The main content area features a podcast player for "Episode 134: Records and Registration with Mr. Brian Wynder", released on 01.07.26. The player includes a description of the episode's content and a photo of Brian Wynder. Below the player is a navigation bar with tabs for "Genetic Counseling", "GPILS", "Medical Students", "Pathologists' Assistants", and "Physician Assistants".

Below the navigation bar, there are three main sections:

- Academic Calendars & Catalogs**
 - M.D. Calendars (OME)
 - MS1 Schedule
 - MS2 Schedule
 - SOM Catalog 2025-2026**
 - SOM Catalog 2026-2027**
 - UMB Catalog
- Academic Support**
 - Academic Development (OME)**
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 - Student Tutors**
Support for Development of Study Skills & Content Review, Office Hours, Tutors, more
 - Remote or Delayed Assessment Request (Forms)**
Examssoft Exams use Examplify Software :: NBME Exams use NBME Secure Browser
- M.D. Class Years**
 - MS1 : SOM29
 - MS2 : SOM28
 - MS3 : SOM27
 - MS4 : SOM26

A large black arrow points from the left towards the "SOM Catalog 2025-2026" and "SOM Catalog 2026-2027" links, which are circled in red.

Navigating the Course Catalog

- Course Catalog (2025-2026)- Blocks 11, 12
- Course Catalog (2026-2027)- Blocks 1-10
- **CLICK Login** (otherwise you will not see the tags or availability)

Catalog >> 2026-2027 << Login

All

Subinternships

Electives

No Prerequisites

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Dermatology

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Emergency Medicine

Epidemiology & Public Health

Family & Community Medicine

Interdepartmental (Grad)

Medicine

Microbiology and Immunology

Neurology

Neurosurgery

Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences

Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences

Orthopaedics

Otorhinolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery

Pathology

Pediatrics

Pharmacology

Program in Trauma

Psychiatry

Location

University of Maryland Rehabilitation & Orthopaedic Institute

Description

This Pain Management elective will offer students broad exposure to strategies and techniques employed in pain management. Such experience would be valuable to students entering either primary care or medical/surgical sub-specialties.

| | |
|------------------|---------|
| Weekdays | Yes |
| Weekends | No |
| Evenings | No Some |
| Shiftwork | No |
| Call | No |

At the University of Maryland Pain Management Center, students will participate in the evaluation and management of patients with chronic pain syndromes. In this multi-disciplinary center, physicians, psychologists, physical therapists and nursing work collaboratively to address the needs of these patients. Students will become familiar with the appropriate use of opioids in pain management. Adjunctive pain medications such as antidepressants and anticonvulsants will be reviewed in detail.

Students will also get exposure to a range of interventional techniques used in pain management including a wide variety of nerve blocks and spinal cord stimulation.

Students will be present at our weekly Multi-disciplinary conferences and didactics. They will be expected to participate in the conference by presenting to the group, any patients they may have seen in consultation or follow-up.

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Ambulatory Clinical

Availability

| Fall 2026 | | | Spring 2027 | | |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Y | Jul 01 - Dec 31 | | Y | Jan 01 - Jun 30 | |
| | | <i>not offered</i> | | | <i>not offered</i> |
| 01 | Jul 06 - Jul 31 | 2 @ UM Rehab | 07 | Jan 04 - Jan 29 | 2 @ UM Rehab |
| 02 | Aug 03 - Aug 28 | 1 @ UM Rehab | 08 | Feb 01 - Feb 26 | 2 @ UM Rehab |
| 03 | Aug 31 - Sep 25 | 2 @ UM Rehab | 09 | Mar 01 - Mar 26 | 2 @ UM Rehab |
| 04 | Sep 28 - Oct 23 | 2 @ UM Rehab | 10 | Mar 29 - Apr 23 | 2 @ UM Rehab |
| 05 | Oct 26 - Nov 20 | 1 @ UM Rehab | 11 | Apr 26 - May 21 | 0 @ UM Rehab |
| 06 | Nov 23 - Dec 18 | 2 @ UM Rehab | 12 | May 24 - Jun 18 | 0 @ UM Rehab |

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Course Availability

- Check course availability BEFORE you request to schedule it.
- You can see that in the course catalog view (after you login)

OR

- MS4 Scheduling Page (Clinical Scheduling → Click M4 Advanced Clinical Phase Scheduling and Timeline)
 - Course Availability

MS4 ACP Scheduling Timeline

These dates are estimates, we will keep to the schedule as much as possible.

Surveys due at Noon unless otherwise noted

Email instructions will be sent for each step in the scheduling process.

Helpful links:

- [Scheduling Survey FAQ](#)
- [2026-2027 Course Catalog](#) - login to see availability. For Blocks 11/12 use [Current Course Catalog](#)
- [Course Availability \(Filterable\)](#) [Blocks 11/12](#) | [Blocks 01-10](#)

Unique Rotations

Some of these rotations will NOT be eligible during MS3 year due to being out of Maryland or International rotations.

| Presentation Title/Agenda | Ppt slides, recording |
|---|--------------------------------|
| <p>UMSOM Unique Rotations (International Rotations, Etc.) Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•12-12:10: Infectious Disease in Zambia•12:10-12:20: Family Medicine in Kenya•12:20-12:30: Center for Global Engagement•12:30-12:40: Indian Health Service•12:40-12:50: Eastern Shore Women’s Health Elective•12:50-1:00: Eastern Shore Public Health Elective | <p><u>Recording</u></p> |

Advising Workshops

How do we schedule our elective?

Survey Scheduling

- **March 13-March 19:** MS3 Elective Survey will be sent out from Medscope
- Follow the directions carefully and pay attention to the closing time of the survey
- Rotations will be posted to Medscope the week of March 23rd
- Note: NO special approval rotations will be scheduled in this survey

Add/Drop Scheduling

- Starting March 30th, you can use the add/drop process.
 - If you don't know what you want to do for your rotation yet, you miss the survey or if you want to change your rotation.
- Clinical Scheduling → Click Add/drop Instructions dropdown Drop/Add Process
- Note: If you want to schedule a special approval rotation, this can be done during add/drop after obtaining approval from the course director (see directions in course description)

Add/Drop Scheduling

Pay attention to the timelines!

Adding a Course

- Students should use the Add/Drop Form AddDropForm to add a course.
- Requests to add a course must be submitted within **10 school days prior** to the course's start date; requests submitted outside of this timeframe are not guaranteed to be considered.
- Students should review course availability and prerequisite requirements in the Course Catalog before completing the Add/Drop request form

Dropping a Course

- Students can Drop an elective or sub-internship through their MedScope Portfolio (without completing the above form) within the following timeframes:
 - Electives must be dropped no later than **two (2) weeks prior** to the rotation start date.
 - Sub-internships must be dropped no later than **four (4) weeks prior** to the rotation start date.

Changing Course Availability

- Students schedules are changing constantly!
- Courses and rotations are added/dropped all the time!
- If you see a rotation you would like to add, but it is not available, continue to review the course catalog for availability.
- Pay attention to the add/drop timelines though

Resources to review

- Catalog (2025-2026)- Blocks 11, 12
- Course Catalog (2026-2027)- Blocks 1-10
- Clinical Scheduling
- Guidance-for-Choosing-Electives.pptx
- Residency Application Manual
- AAMC Careers in Medicine

- OSA Deans are here to help- reach out if you have questions or need help!
 - Dr. Kerri Thom
 - Dr. John Allen
 - Dr. Marissa Flaherty
 - Dr. Elizabeth Lamos

Timeline

| Date / Time | Information |
|--|--|
| 3/13–3/19 (Friday-Thursday) | Elective Survey Open for MS3 Electives |
| Week of 3/23 | Electives from survey posted on Medscope |
| 3/30 (Monday) | Add/Drop Scheduling begins |

Questions?

