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Dear All,

As we continue to navigate this dynamic situation we would like to share with you updates as they become available. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have additional questions. Town Hall recordings are available [here](#).

Volunteer Opportunities

A message from the UCLA Blood & Platelet Center: We are currently facing a blood shortage during the COVID-19 crisis. While our UCLA patient need for blood products continues to increase, we would encourage you to please consider scheduling a lifesaving donation. Additional details can be found [here](#). If you or someone you know someone has recovered from COVID-19 infection and are interested in donating convalescent plasma for patient treatment, consider registering as a potential plasma donor at <https://www.uclahealth.org/gotblood/covid-19-plasma-donation>.

For additional volunteer opportunities, please see the [LA COVID-19 Volunteers](#) website for more information.

NBME Updates

- At this time the NBME is **not** offering a remote option for the Ambulatory Care shelf exam. We will provide updates as soon as we receive updated information from the NBME regarding this exam.
- Testing at CSEC centers for Step 2 Clinical Skills (CS) is suspended until at least June 1, 2020. However, given the fluid nature of the COVID-19 situation and pending city and state decisions concerning social distancing guidelines, this date is subject to change.
- Testing at Prometric centers for Step 1, Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK), and Step 3 is scheduled to resume on May 1, 2020 or later. Testing will resume on a site-by-site basis in accordance with local government guidelines for social distancing. We will share updated information on these modifications as soon as we can.
- More information about Prometric's updated procedures, including enhanced safety practices, can be found on their [website](#).

Class Updates

Class Year	Updates 4/27/20
MS1	As discussed in our Town Hall additional communication regarding the anatomy dissection tentatively scheduled in June will be provided in mid-May.
MS2	Prometric Testing Center Update Prometric Testing Centers anticipate that essential testing (including USMLE Step 1) will resume in some areas of the country as early as May 1st. Stay tuned for more information

about local testing centers (i.e., we have not yet heard when local Prometric Centers will be opening given the stay-at-home order through May 15th).

MS3

Radiology Exams

Your radiology Exams are now scheduled for this upcoming Thursday, April 30th. Please be on the lookout for additional specifics from the Radiology Course Leadership.

Off-cycle Student Scheduling

We are actively working on a plan to address off-cycle student scheduling and look forward to providing you with specific updates later in the week. As previously communicated, students who are currently enrolled and have core clerkships left to complete:

- These core clerkships will start on May 18th at the same time as the rising MS3 class, to provide an optimal learning experience for students.
- These students will have the flexibility of completing all required coursework for Foundation for Fourth Year by the end of the spring semester (deadline is July 5th, 2020). As the majority of content addressed by Foundation for Fourth Year will be useful preparatory material for advanced clinical electives, you are encouraged to view relevant components of Foundation for Fourth Year in advance of these experiences.

Extension of VSLO/VSAS Suspension

A decision has been made to extend the suspension of the VSLO/VSAS program. The suspension was originally to take place from April 14 to April 29, but has now been extended to the week of May 11. During this time, students will not be able to submit new applications for away electives to host institutions, and host institutions will not be able to view or take action on any already submitted applications for away electives. DGSOM will not be able to attach supplemental documents to elective applications nor release applications to host institutions. Please see the resources below for more information and FAQs:

[COVID-19 and the VSLO Program FAQs](#)
[Specialty Responses to COVID-19](#)

We Are Planning Another Town Hall For Your Class

We look forward to the opportunity to connect with you at an upcoming town hall (date is pending). In the interim Please continue to share your questions with us [via Qualtrics](#).

NBME Ambulatory Care Shelf Exam is still not available.

Step 2 CS testing is scheduled to resume on June 1, 2020.

MS4

Thank you for connecting with us at the town Hall on Friday!

Clinical Management in the Care of patients with COVID-19: A Case Based Approach

Dr. Tara Vijayan will be giving a COVID-19 webinar on May 1st at 1:00pm. Connection information and specific details will be sent to you shortly and a recording of the session will be made available after the fact.

Required PPE E-Learnings

	We request that each of you complete this learning module in Gryphon before Friday, May 29, 2020. You can also access the modules by logging into Gryphon and selecting “My Exams” on the left side of the screen and then selecting PPE E-learning,
LOA Students	Addressing scheduling concerns for students returning from leaves of absence continues to be a priority. Please stay tuned for more details.

All our best,

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