

Dear Applicant,

We appreciate your interest in a position here at Emory Family Medicine Residency Program (EFPRP). EFPRP uses the ERAS system for selecting applicants to interview. I strongly encourage you to submit your application to us through this process.

**Frequently asked questions:**

1. Do you have minimum USMLE scores?

We use the USMLE scores to select our applicants for interview. We determine each year what the minimum score will be.

2. Do you require US experience?

Yes, we require that each applicant document experience with the US healthcare system. US graduates are trained in the US healthcare system. For IMGs/FMGs, we would like applicants to have a minimum of three months direct patient experience in the US or Canadian Healthcare system over the previous two years before applying to Emory. Research experience can additionally be helpful but is not necessary.

3. Do you take candidates outside the match?

No, we solely use the ERAS system to select our candidates. We believe that this provides the most equitable circumstances to all involved parties, both the program and especially the applicant.

4. Do you take international medical graduates (IMGs/FMGs)?

Yes, we do.

5. What are the requirements for IMG's (International Medical Graduates)?

Other than the requirements for US graduates, you must have a valid ECFMG certificate. You must provide recently documented clinical experience in the US or Canada as mentioned above. The majority of your recommendation letters should come from Family physicians and doctors who can attest to your clinical experience in North America.

6. Do you sponsor VISAs?

Yes, we sponsor both H1 and J1 VISAs. I strongly recommend attempting to obtain an H1 VISA as this will enable you to stay in the USA after you complete residency. With the J1, there is no guarantee that you will be able to stay in the USA after you complete residency. If possible, successfully pass all three USMLE steps before Match day.

7. Where should I go to apply for the ECFMG?

[www.ecfm.org](http://www.ecfm.org)

8. When is your deadline for application?

November 30, 2008 for completed ERAS applications.

Updated September 2, 2008

9. Do you offer an externship in your program?

No. It's not available from our program.

10. When do you start your interview process?

Interviews will start in late October. Ms. Ursula Nichols will notify you of your selection by e-mail or cell phone and will schedule your interview.

11. General requirements:

All applications are processed through ERAS.

First time passing of relevant USMLE steps.

3 letters of recommendation, preferably from primary care physicians

Medical School Dean's Letter

Medical School transcript (Translated into English if necessary)

Medical School diploma (if available)

ECFMG certificate (for international medical school grads)

US or Canada clinical experience, with documentation

I wish you the best in your career. Strive for excellence in all that you lay your hands to.

Sincerely,

*Eddie Needham, MD*

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