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**Welcome Back!**

We hope you had a terrific break and return refreshed for the remainder of the spring term. It will wing by quickly now once we make it through Vermont’s notorious “Mud Season”! Some of you are finishing up your first term, others your first year, and others are nearing the application phase of your program while last year’s applicants are checking their e-mail 17 times a day hoping for good news. At every stage it is intense and exciting.

**Surgery Presentation**

We are very fortunate to have Surgery professor and Director of Acute Care Surgery at UMASS, Dr. Mitch Cahan, travel to UVM to speak with premed students about careers in surgery and our country’s need for more surgeons. Mitch believes so strongly in the need to interest more premed students in surgery that he is coming up on his birthday! Here are the event details:

**Presenter:**
Mitchell A. Cahan, M.D., F.A.C.S.
Associate Professor of Surgery
Director of Undergraduate Medical Education
Director of the Clerkship in Surgery
University of Massachusetts Medical School

**Location and Date:**
Livak Room, Davis Center
12:00 - 2:00 PM
Wednesday, 27 March 2013
Bring a Brown Bag Lunch

**RSVP to Polly Allen at pallen@uvm.edu, with “Surgery RSVP” in the subject line by March 26**
Fall Registration – April 1

Post-Bac Premed students have priority registration for fall term and can register the first day, which is April 1, 2013 (No Kidding!)

In an effort to simplify registration for you during the academic year, we are trying a new approach for core science courses and will send course options with instructions soon. Please BE SURE TO REVIEW THIS CAREFULLY and register early to ensure your course choices. Most elective courses will be available via Continuing Education (CE) codes which you will find with additional course information via the CE web site: [www.learn.uvm.edu](http://www.learn.uvm.edu) once they are posted.

Please schedule an appointment (by calling our scheduler 656-2085) with me (Polly) if you want to discuss your course planning options. A quick question works well via e-mail, but not for comparing a one-year plan with a two year plan, for example. There could well be significant ramifications to discuss.

AMCAS & ACOMAS Application Opening Dates

For those who will be applying to Osteopathic or Allopathic medicals schools this summer, the date that applications open for you to begin working on your standardized application are:

**AMCAS**

- **April 1**
  2014 AMCAS resources available
- **May 1**
  2014 AMCAS application opens
- **June 4**
  2014 AMCAS application opens for submission

**AACOMAS**

- The application cycle opens June 1, 2013 and ends April 1, 2014. This link gives the varying deadlines for both initial application and supplemental applications for the Osteopathic schools: [http://www.aacom.org/resources/bookstore/cib/Documents/2013cib/2013cib-p17.pdf](http://www.aacom.org/resources/bookstore/cib/Documents/2013cib/2013cib-p17.pdf)

Test Prep Choices

For those interested in resources to prepare for the GRE exam, here is a source for an inexpensive online course option: [http://www.ed2go.com/uvm/](http://www.ed2go.com/uvm/) where you can enter GRE Prep in the search box and find the quantitative course online for $95.00 as well as the Verbal & Analytical for the same cost. Most large bookstores also have resources.

For the MCAT or DAT exams, Kaplan and Princeton Review offer courses online and Kaplan offers in-class courses on UVM’s campus.
### UVM MEDLIFE Chapter Meeting Change

Please note that the group has moved their meeting time up by one hour to 6pm, but will continue to meet Tuesdays in Angel B112.

MEDLIFE is a non-profit organization with chapters at many schools nationwide. MEDLIFE seeks to provide healthcare to people living in rural areas of Ecuador, Peru and Panama where access to care is extremely limited. MEDLIFE provides short term relief in the form of one to two week long trips where students set up health clinics in rural villages.

### Glide Year Experience Opportunity

Here is an example of a fine way to spend your glide year if your courses are all completed: Philadelphia Health Corps is a member of the National Health Corps and AmeriCorps Program.

Potential glide year option, and opportunity to gain experience prior to graduate training in medicine or public health. Corps members work in city health centers and non-profit community sites, providing health education, insurance and prescription drug assistance, and case management. Training opportunities include medical interpretation, HIV prevention counseling, and shadowing.

Applications to serve for the 2013-2014 program year can be submitted through the Americorps website beginning this May. The 11-month service term begins in September 2013.

### Dental Application Test (DAT) Service Disruption

**From the DAT:**

In an effort to improve the services we provide, the Department of Testing Services (DTS) will be moving to a new software system. In December of 2012, communities of interest were informed that testing services would be interrupted during this transition, which was anticipated to take place in early 2013. **This service interruption has now been scheduled to take place from March 14 through April 3, 2013.**

This service interruption could impact individuals seeking to create a DENTPIN or to retrieve their DENTPIN, delay student receipt of score reports, and delay processing of DAT registrations. The ADA indicates that this transfer process is anticipated to require up to 3 weeks. The DAT will continue to be administered at Prometric Testing Centers throughout this time—it is test registration and test score processing that will be delayed.

Please contact the ADA Department of Testing Services (hinshawk@ada.org) if you have questions.
Queensland SOM Applications Now Open for Jan. 2014

Because this school is on the Australian calendar and starts in January, it is a good option for those ready to apply on this schedule. It also offers an international experience. More info (provided by the school) below.

The University of Queensland School of Medicine Ochsner Clinical School offers an opportunity for U.S. citizens or Permanent Residents to obtain an outstanding global medical education. Applications are now open for the January 2014 entering class. Admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis until the class is filled. Some highlights of the School include:

- Two years of basic sciences at The University of Queensland School of Medicine in Brisbane or Ipswich, Australia.
- Two years of clinical training at the UQ Ochsner Clinical School in New Orleans, Louisiana, the U.S. campus of The University of Queensland School of Medicine.
- Wet Lab and Clinical Research is available at both campuses.
- Experienced and accomplished faculty.
- Clinical training in one of the top 15 U.S. Teaching Hospitals
- USMLE Preparation and support
- Match Day Participation, academic advising and support in the Match.
- A January 2014 entry, the start of the Australian academic year with rolling admissions.
- The average GPA of the 2013 entering class was 3.4, and the average MCAT was 29.
- U.S. Federal financial aid is available to students who qualify.

Minimum requirements to apply: MCAT score of 8, 8, 8 in one test sitting since January, 2011; a B average; and a B.A. or B.S. degree earned by May or October 2013 for the 2014 entering class. For more information, visit our website at http://www.mededpath.org.

Ready to apply?: The application is available to download at http://www.mededpath.org/admissions.html

New Jersey Osteopathic School Open House April 19

Here is an opportunity to see an opportunity to tour an osteopathic school that is within driving distance. Visiting any medical school can be a revealing process and help those hoping to interview in the future: http://som.umdnj.edu/education/admissions/openHouse.html
Most Commonly Chosen Medical Schools by UVM Applicants

Of the 130 UVM premed students (undergraduates, alumni, Post-Bac Premed and CE students) applying for medical schools this year, here are the schools with the highest number of UVM applicants:

1. The University of Vermont  90 (No surprise here)
2. Albany      55
3. Drexel      54
4. Tufts       51
5. Mount Sinai 44
6. N.Y. Medical College 44
7. George Washington 43
8. Boston University 41
9. Georgetown  33
10. Temple      32

Enjoy the Vermont Maple Sugar Season and Many Open Houses in the Coming Weeks!

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