

RESOLUTION 09.2022-20 (A-23)
REDUCING THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF VISITING ROTATIONS FOR
MEDICAL STUDENTS

ISMS Board Action Taken on 10/22/2022

Adopted Resolution 09.2022-20 (A-23), as amended by the Council on Education & Health Workforce.

Council on Education & Health Workforce Recommendation to ISMS Board on
10/22/2022

This resolution calls for the ISMS to address the financial burden of medical students participating in visiting student rotations; to draft a letter to the deans of Illinois medical schools to set forth and suggest a list of recommendations to address the topic of financial burden of visiting rotations on students; that Illinois medical schools who participate in visiting student rotations work toward eliminating any excess processing fees charged to visiting students that are not required for hosting of the student; that these schools seek to expand scholarships and grants they offer to visiting students; that these schools adopt the official policy of closing their VSLO applications for specific rotation dates once spots are filled; and that these schools work toward creating and expanding virtual rotation opportunities for visiting students which are interactive and allow adequate interaction with faculty.

One of the authors of the resolution, Mr. Connor Cole, was available for explanation and comment on the resolution and to address any questions. Mr. Cole stated that the purpose of the resolution was to address the financial impact of visiting rotations – length of stay, travel costs, limited scholarships, cost of application(s) – on medical students.

The Council discussed the complexity of issues associated with the cost of medical training, and noted that issues related to securing and completing visiting rotations specifically can be multifaceted. The Council ultimately agreed that it could be useful to raise awareness among medical school deans about student concerns regarding the cost of visiting rotations, and that focused efforts to improve the value for these programs should benefit Illinois-based students seeking rotations in Illinois-based institutions. The Council agreed to amended Resolution 09.2022-20 (A-23).

The Council on Education & Health Workforce recommends that the ISMS Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 09.2022-20 (A-23), as amended:

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40 ~~medical students participating in visiting student rotations; and be it further~~

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42 RESOLVED, the ISMS draft a letter to the deans of Illinois medical schools on
43 the importance of addressing the ~~to set forth and suggest a list of recommendations to~~
44 ~~address the topic of~~ financial burden of visiting rotations on students; and be it further

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46 RESOLVED, that ISMS encourage Illinois medical schools and other institutions
47 that ~~who~~ participate in visiting student rotations work toward eliminating any excess
48 processing fees charged to visiting students from Illinois medical schools that are not
49 required for hosting of the student; and be it further

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56 rotation dates once spots are filled; ~~and be it further.~~

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59 ~~opportunities for visiting students which are interactive and allow adequate interaction~~
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