



Residency Programs: Questions to Get You Started

Meeting with representatives from residency programs at National Conference isn't a job interview, but it is an opportunity for you to get the information you need to help you make an informed decision about your family medicine future.

We've compiled a list of questions to help you get the conversation started on the floor of the Expo Hall.

Questions to ask Faculty

- Where are most of your graduates located and what type of practices are they going into from residency?
- How do you think that your program compares with other programs?
- What kind of feedback are you hearing from your graduates?
- Are some rotations done at other hospitals?
- Are any other residency programs in-house?
- How and how often is feedback provided to residents?
- How would you describe the patient demographics?
- What community service programs does your residency participate in?

Questions to ask Residents

- What was the most important factor that made you decide to come to this program?
- What are your plans after graduation?
- What's a typical week, month, year like for a first year, second, and third year?
- What is call like? What kind of backup is provided?
- When leave of absence becomes necessary, what happens?
- How do you deal with the stress of residency?
- If there are other residency programs in-house, how do you view their presence?
- What do you/other residents do outside the hospital for community service and for fun?
- Where do you feel most of your learning is coming from?
- What are the program's areas of strength?
- In what program areas could improvements be made?