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?