

Residency Program Evaluation Guide

Use this checklist to evaluate the residency programs in which you are interested.

Residency Program _____

Rating Scale: 1=Poor; 2=Fair; 3=Adequate; 4=Good; 5=Excellent.

On the basis of your needs, rate this residency program's:

Feature	Rating	Comments
Education		
Program philosophy		
Accreditation		
Overall curriculum		
Rotations/electives		
Rounds (educational vs. work)		
Conferences		
No. and variety of patients		
Hospital library		
Resident evaluations		
Board certification of graduates		
Attending Physicians/Teaching Faculty		
No. of full-time vs. part-time		
Research vs. teaching responsibilities		
Clinical vs. teaching skills		
Availability/approachability		
Preceptors in clinic		
Subspecialties represented		
Instruction in pt. counseling/education		
Hospital(s)		
Community or university hospital		
Staff physicians' support of program		
Availability of consultative services		
Other residency programs		
Type(s) of patients		
Hospital staff (nursing, lab, path, etc.)		
Current House Officers		
Number per year		
Medical schools of origin		
Personality		
Dependability		
Honesty		
Cooperativeness/get along together		
Compatibility/can I work with them?		

Feature	Rating	Comments
Work Load		
Average # pts./HO* (rotation, clinic)		
Supervision - senior HO, attending staff		
Call schedule		
Rounds		
Teaching/conference responsibility		
“Scut” work		
Time for conferences		
Clinic responsibilities		
Benefits		
Salary		
Professional dues		
Meals		
Insurance (malpractice, health, etc.)		
Vacation		
Paternity/Maternity/sick leave		
Outside conferences/books		
Moonlighting permitted		
Surrounding Community		
Size and type (urban/suburban/rural)		
Geographic location		
Climate and weather		
Environmental quality		
Socioeconomic/ethnic/religious diversity		
Safety (from crime)		
Cost of living (housing/food/utilities)		
Housing (availability and quality)		
Economy (industry/growth/recession)		
Employment opportunities (for significant other)		
Child care and public school systems		
Culture (music/drama/arts/movies)		
Entertainment-restaurant/area attractions		
Recreation-parks/sport/fitness facilities		
Program’s Strengths:		
Program’s Weaknesses:		

* House Officer

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