

CLINICAL ROTATIONS ROADMAP

Through the White Coat Journey

Become more reliable in preparation, synthesis, supervised participation, feedback use, and shelf integration.

A FILLABLE PLANNING WORKBOOK

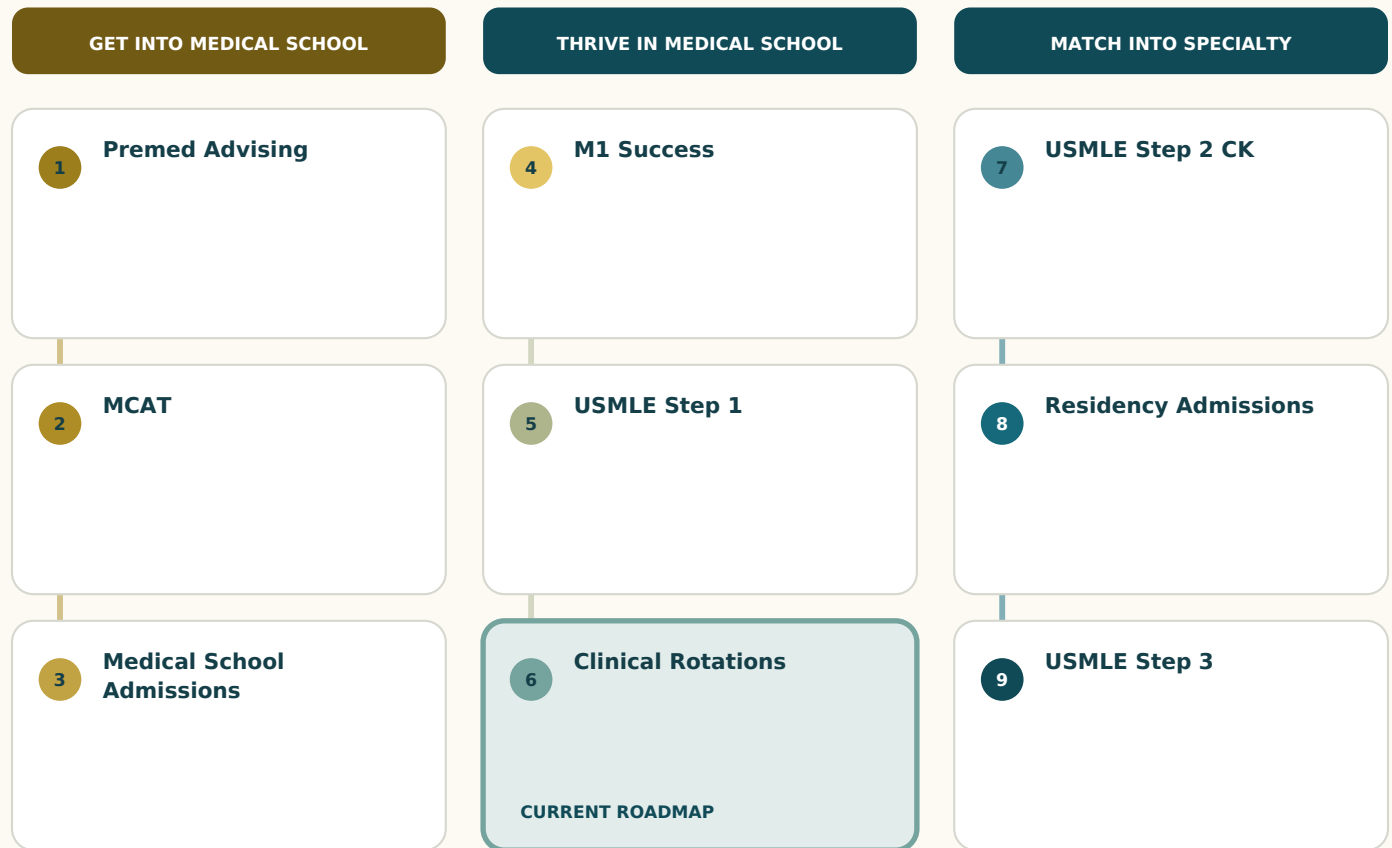
Bring your White Coat Diagnostic result, your current evidence, and your actual constraints. Use them together to choose a bounded plan, a checkpoint, and the next decision.





Your Place on the White Coat Journey

The nine roadmaps form one progression of increasing responsibility, reasoning, and clinical development. Use the current stage to make the next decision; keep adjacent stages visible so dependencies are not missed.



THE DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRESSION

Planning → Preparing → Applying → Entering Medicine → Integrating Knowledge → Caring for Patients → Making Clinical Decisions → Entering Residency → Managing Patients



ORIENT

Bring Your White Coat Diagnostic Result

USE THE RESULT AS A STARTING POINT

Your primary bottleneck is the initial planning hypothesis - not destiny and not a complete explanation of you. Transfer the result, compare it with real evidence, and revise the plan when the evidence changes.

My White Coat Journey stage

What the result means in my own words

The next outcome or decision I am working toward

My primary bottleneck

Evidence that seems to support this starting hypothesis

PLAN FROM EVIDENCE

Define the Destination + Starting Line

Connect service expectations, observed behaviors, role boundaries, feedback, shelf preparation, and the actual clinical schedule.

BASELINE RULE

Use stage-appropriate evidence instead of manufacturing a score. Record the source and context of each baseline whenever they affect interpretation.

Rotation/service**Start/end dates****Shelf date****Expected schedule/call****Team/presentation expectations****Role and supervision boundaries****Current feedback****Primary clinical and shelf goals**

AUDIT BEFORE ADDING

Resource + Support Audit

Every retained resource needs a defined job. A resource without a job does not automatically remain in the plan.

PRIMARY

Owens a defined job.

SUPPLEMENTARY

Repairs one specified gap.

REFERENCE

Consulted when needed.

STOPPED

Has no current job.

RESOURCE / SUPPORT	ROLE	FREQUENCY + EVIDENCE	KEEP / REDUCE / STOP

My resource ceiling

A duplicated or unassigned resource I will pause

BUILD FROM THE CALENDAR

Map Capacity That Can Survive Real Life

CAPACITY RULE

The ideal week is the ordinary plan. The minimum viable week is the reduced loop that preserves continuity during unusually demanding periods. Neither assumes a dedicated study period.

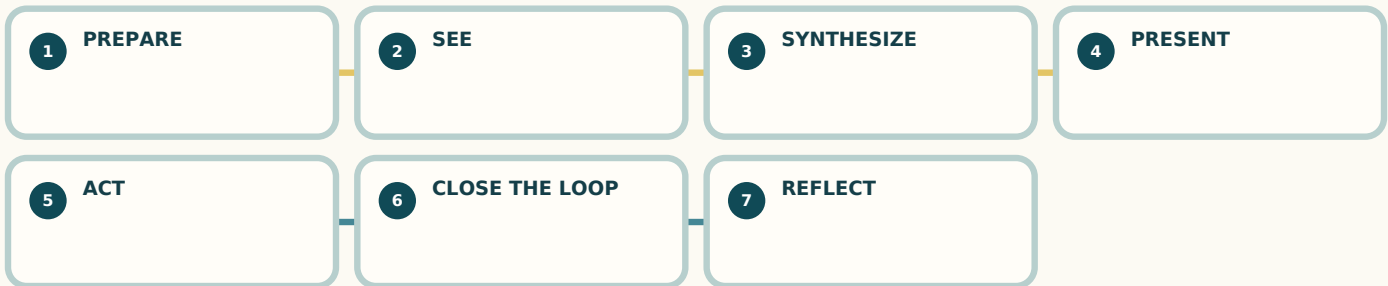
Fixed academic, clinical, work, and family commitments**High-energy tasks****Assessments, deadlines, travel, or variable weeks****My ideal week****Review date****Realistically protected blocks****Lower-energy tasks****Buffer and recovery time****My minimum viable week**



USE THE METHOD

The Ward Operating Loop

Use the loop to make one observable behavior more reliable while remaining within the learner's role and supervision.



APPLY IT TO YOUR PLAN

PREPARE - expectation or task

SYNTHESIZE - de-identified reasoning focus

PRESENT - visible behavior

ACT / CLOSE - role-safe follow-through

REFLECT - evidence and next change

MOVE FROM EVIDENCE TO ACTION

Roadmap Phases

These phases describe work, not a universal calendar. Compress or extend them around your starting evidence, available time, responsibilities, and checkpoints.

1 ORIENT

Clarify workflow, role, supervision, presentation, documentation, and shelf expectations.

2 PREPARE

Use a bounded pre-service routine tied to assigned responsibilities.

3 SEE AND SYNTHESIZE

Organize de-identified information and supervised reasoning.

4 PRESENT

Communicate a concise, prioritized representation and uncertainty.

5 ACT WITHIN ROLE

Complete assigned tasks under local policy and supervision.

6 CLOSE THE LOOP

Confirm ownership, follow-through, and handoff.

7 TRANSLATE FEEDBACK

Convert comments into one observable behavior.

8 INTEGRATE

Connect de-identified clinical learning with shelf preparation.

9 HANDOFF LEARNING

Carry the useful system, not patient information, to the next rotation.



STAGE-SPECIFIC PLANNING TOOL

First-Day Orientation + Role Map

Clarify expectations directly. Do not infer permissions or supervision boundaries from another service.

Schedule/workflow

Presentation format

Documentation permissions

Task ownership

Who supervises what

When/how to ask for help



STAGE-SPECIFIC PLANNING TOOL

Patient-to-Learning Loop + Feedback Translation

Use de-identified learning notes only. Never record names, dates of birth, record numbers, or other identifiers.

De-identified problem or learning question

Exact feedback

Next visible action

Concept/pattern/rule to learn

Behavior underneath it

Follow-up evidence/date



STAGE-SPECIFIC PLANNING TOOL

Clinical Performance + Shelf Integration

Judge progress through observed behaviors and exam evidence rather than a global impression.

Patient awareness

Clinical reasoning

Communication

Professional execution

Practice-based growth

Shelf baseline/current evidence

Minimum viable shelf plan



STAGE-SPECIFIC PLANNING TOOL

End-of-Rotation Post-Mortem

Carry forward the learning system while protecting privacy and honoring rotation-specific expectations.

Behavior that became more reliable

Feedback pattern

System to carry forward

Behavior needing repair

Self evidence

Expectation to re-verify next rotation



EXECUTE

Build Your Ward + Shelf Weekly System

ONE PRIMARY LEVER

Select the smallest intervention likely to address the dominant problem. Schedule it, protect a minimum viable version, and test it before redesigning the entire plan.

The primary lever I will test

Why this lever fits my evidence

The smallest scheduled action

My ideal-week execution

My minimum-viable-week execution

Likely friction and how I will reduce it

Support or accountability

Planned-versus-completed review date

START WITH THE HYPOTHESIS; FOLLOW THE EVIDENCE

Diagnostic Bottleneck Routing - 1 of 3

Use only the route named in your diagnostic result unless later evidence supports a different bottleneck.

CONTENT ORGANIZATION GAP

HOW IT MAY SHOW UP HERE

Clinical knowledge is difficult to retrieve around a patient's problem, service workflow, or shelf question.

START HERE

Organize one recurring presentation into a compact CPR map and connect it to de-identified learning cases.

WATCH THIS EVIDENCE

Faster retrieval, clearer presentations, better shelf application, and fewer repeated knowledge gaps.

REASONING GAP

HOW IT MAY SHOW UP HERE

You collect data but struggle to prioritize, synthesize, or explain a supervised differential and next-step logic.

START HERE

Use the 5P Approach during de-identified post-mortems and rehearse one concise synthesis.

WATCH THIS EVIDENCE

Whether prioritization and explanation improve across new patients and questions under supervision.

STRATEGY GAP

HOW IT MAY SHOW UP HERE

Ward preparation, role expectations, feedback, and shelf study compete without a rotation-level plan.

START HERE

Map service expectations and fixed hours, then choose one clinical and one shelf priority for the week.

WATCH THIS EVIDENCE

Reliability in role, completion of shelf work, and whether weekly priorities fit the actual service.

START WITH THE HYPOTHESIS; FOLLOW THE EVIDENCE

Diagnostic Bottleneck Routing - 2 of 3

Use only the route named in your diagnostic result unless later evidence supports a different bottleneck.

EXECUTION GAP

HOW IT MAY SHOW UP HERE

Tasks, follow-through, study, or feedback actions are inconsistent across long or unpredictable days.

START HERE

Create a shift-close checklist and a minimum viable shelf plan for demanding weeks.

WATCH THIS EVIDENCE

Task closure, handoff reliability, study continuity, and the causes of missed actions.

CLINICAL PERFORMANCE GAP

HOW IT MAY SHOW UP HERE

Observed behaviors in preparation, presentation, communication, or follow-through are below role expectations.

START HERE

Clarify the expected behavior and practice one visible change within the Ward Operating Loop.

WATCH THIS EVIDENCE

Direct observation and follow-up feedback on that behavior, not a global impression alone.

MANAGEMENT THRESHOLD GAP

HOW IT MAY SHOW UP HERE

You have difficulty recognizing when severity, timing, risk, or context changes the next supervised action.

START HERE

Review de-identified educational cases for the decision threshold and sequence; verify local expectations with supervision.

WATCH THIS EVIDENCE

Improved sequencing in educational cases and supervised explanation of why the next action changes.

START WITH THE HYPOTHESIS; FOLLOW THE EVIDENCE

Diagnostic Bottleneck Routing - 3 of 3

Use only the route named in your diagnostic result unless later evidence supports a different bottleneck.

FEEDBACK TRANSLATION GAP

HOW IT MAY SHOW UP HERE

Feedback is remembered as a judgment but not converted into a specific behavior to test.

START HERE

Write the exact feedback, identify the behavior underneath it, and select one visible action.

WATCH THIS EVIDENCE

Follow-up observation, whether the behavior becomes reliable, and whether the concern recurs.

CONFIDENCE GAP

HOW IT MAY SHOW UP HERE

Hesitation, overstatement, or fear of evaluation is interfering with appropriate supervised participation.

START HERE

Define role boundaries and prepare one calibrated contribution: what you know, infer, and need to verify.

WATCH THIS EVIDENCE

Appropriate participation, accurate uncertainty language, and direct supervisor feedback.

RESOURCE OVERLOAD GAP

HOW IT MAY SHOW UP HERE

Too many shelf, reference, and workflow resources compete with clinical responsibilities and recovery.

START HERE

Choose one shelf question source, one learning reference, and service-required tools; pause duplicates.

WATCH THIS EVIDENCE

Use under real schedule conditions, shelf transfer, and whether resource volume remains feasible.

JUDGE THE INTERVENTION

Evidence + Checkpoints

Useful evidence at this stage may include: direct observation, follow-up feedback, task closure, presentation reliability, shelf practice, role-safe participation. Look for a pattern across enough evidence to support a decision.

KEEP

Executed and intended evidence is moving.

ADJUST

Executed, but evidence is not changing enough.

ESCALATE

Time, risk, eligibility, safety, or repeated failure requires qualified support.

Intervention being tested

Evidence I will measure

Checkpoint date and conditions

What improvement would look like

Evidence that supports KEEP

Evidence that supports ADJUST

Condition that requires ESCALATE

Decision and next experiment



MAKE THE NEXT DECISION

Post-Mortem + Reassessment

REASSESSMENT QUESTION

Which observable behavior became more reliable and which one needs the next focused repair?

What changed?

What remained unstable?

Did the predicted problem improve?

Did a different bottleneck become more important?

Which resource or schedule decision helped?

What should be retained?

The next smallest useful change

My one visible next decision

LEAVE WITH ONE VISIBLE DECISION

Your Next Step

A roadmap is useful only when it produces a next action, a protected time, and evidence for the next decision.

The action I will take within 24 hours

When I will complete it

Who or what can support the next decision

CONTINUE WITH DDQX

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