Appendix E

Medical School Information Page
Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons
New York, New York

Special programmatic emphases, strengths, mission/goals of the medical school: The mission of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University (P&S) is to prepare graduates to be leaders and role models who define excellence in patient care, medical research, education and health care policy.

Special characteristics of the medical school's educational program: The new P&S curriculum, implemented with the Class of 2013, consists of a 1 1/2-year Fundamentals segment comprised of Molecular Mechanisms, Anatomy, Clinical Medicine, Human Development and Psychiatry, and an integrated course, organized by organ systems, of normal and pathophysiology. The Major Clinical (clerkship) Year begins in January of second year, and is 50 weeks of required clinical clerkships of one, five or ten weeks duration, offered for most rotations in one to six teaching hospitals. All required clerkships must be completed before any senior electives may be undertaken, however, MD/PhD students may intermix electives and clerkships. The final curricular segment of 14 months includes eight months of electives, including one month of a required Subinternship and one month of Back to the Classroom, and four months of a scholarly project in clinical or basic research, global health, community health, medical education or narrative and social research. Students who matriculated with earlier classes had two years of the preclinical curriculum, a clerkship year, eight electives and no scholarly project requirement. Students are permitted only three months of elective in any specialty. Dual degree programs are available in MD/PhD, MD/MPH and MD/MBA. Up to one third of students take an extra year for research or a dual degree program.

Average length of enrollment (initial matriculation to graduation) at the medical school: 4.3 years

Description of the evaluation system used at the medical school:
All Fundamentals courses are graded Pass/Fail. Clinical courses are graded Honors/High Pass/Pass/Fail, with the exception of Anesthesiology, Neurosurgery, Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology, Orthopedic Surgery and Urology, which are graded Pass/Fail. Students who matriculated before 2007 were graded Honors/Pass/Fail in some courses of second year. The grade distribution for clinical clerkships is appended at the end of this document.

Medical school requirements for successful completion of USMLE Step 1, 2:
Students are required to pass Step 1 and Step 2 Clinical Knowledge to graduate and take Step 2 Clinical Skills.

Medical school requirements for successful completion of Objective/Observed Structured Clinical Evaluation (OSCE) at medical school. OSCE's are used for:
Completion of the Major Clinical Year.

Utilization of the course, clerkship or elective director's narrative comments in composition of the MSPE. The narrative comments contained in the attached MSPE can best be described as:
Edited for length but not for content. All core clinical clerkships are included in chronological order.

Utilization by the medical school of the AAMC "Guidelines for Medical Schools Regarding Academic Transcripts." This medical school is:
Completely in compliance with Guidelines' recommendations.

Description of the process by which the MSPE is composed at the medical school:
The MSPE is composed by the Senior Associate Dean for Student Affairs with support from the Registrar and Office of Student Affairs Staff. It is based on final course ratings and narrative evaluations submitted by faculty at the completion of courses. Personal knowledge of this student is also based on interviews with the student.

Students are permitted to review the MSPE prior to its transmission:
Yes