

USMLE PREP LECTURE SERIES Lecture 2.1



Elite Medical Prep Guide for Technion Students from Day 1 to Test day

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Objectives

Integrated USMLE Step 1 Program

- Background
- Prior Results
- > Plan
- USMLE Basics
- Question Breakdowns—Cardiology
 Resource Reviews

Live Polling We will be using Poll Everywhere:

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Our Team

We are a group of healthcare professionals who have attained exceedingly high scores on our USMLE exams, and have dedicated our time to helping medical students achieve their own testing and professional goals. We want our students to see the USMLE as an opportunity to shine rather than as a barrier to residency acceptance.



Kenneth Rubin, MD Co-founder and CEO

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Our team has published more than 95 academic and research papers

Our tutors boast more

than 11 different medicalspecialties

Our tutors are colleagues.

Not freelancers

Mt Sinai USMLE Course Director Marcel Brus-Ramer, MD/PhD Co-founder and President

Board Certified Radiologist Columbia P&S Online Lecturer

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With nearly 17 years and 10,000+ hours of combined USMLE teaching and tutoring experience, the founders of Elite Medical Prep ("Elite"), Kenneth Rubin, MD and Marcel Brus-Ramer MD/PhD, have developed a unique system of 1-on-1, small group and lecture-based instruction to maximize USMLE preparedness for students of all levels and backgrounds.

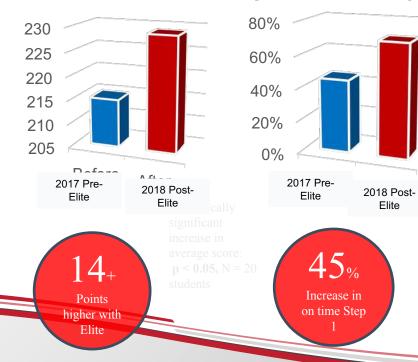
Results at Technion

Data from Elite Medical Prep's work with Technion during the 2017-2018 academic year



*High impact lectures integrated with existing curriculum delivered by Elite Medical Prep's founders: Dr. Brus-Ramer & Dr. Rubin

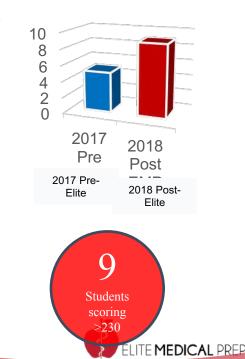
*Online small groups were of 3 students each directed by experienced senior tutors rigorously trained and vetted by Elite Medical Prep Elite's Integrated Program Significantly Increases Average Step 1 Score Performance.



Elite's Integrated Program

Improves On-Time Test Taking.

Elite's Integrated Program Increases the Number of Strong USMLE Step 1 Performances.



Class Specific Site (in development)



- Forum for Q & A
- Lecture Notes
- Calendar
- Content



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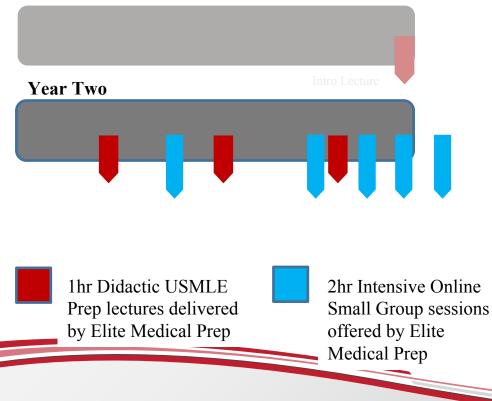


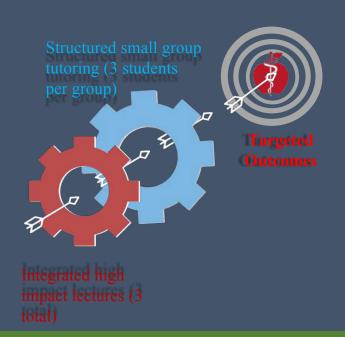


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Step 1 Outline

Year One





COST

- \$500 per student for 10hr of Tutoring (in groups of 3).
- Groups can extend up to 20hr of total tutoring
 - Arrangements and pricing to be handled on a group-by-group basis

USMLE Step 1 Basics

- Consists of 3 steps: 1,2, and 3

 - Steps 1 & 2: most important for residency applications
 Step 1 has the most basic science, biochemistry, and general scientific principles
 - Step 2 is more diagnosis and management-focused
 - > Step 3 is focused on complex management and critical review of literature
- 280 MCQs, 8-hr testing session (7 x 1 hr blocks, 1 hr of break time)
- Scoring 3-digit; mean 230, SD 20, Pass > 194.
 - Many questions are embedded in clinical vignettes
 - Tests ability to: "apply important concepts of the sciences basic to the practice of medicine"
 - > Questions require linking together various pieces of knowledge

Why is the test important? Why do Residencies care so much?

- Filter applications quickly
- There are tests throughout medical education—you need to show you can pass them
- Pass Test > Get License > Work as a Doctor
 - Non-working resident is a major problem for a residency



Basic USMLE Recommendations

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- We'll get you started
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Plan creation & follow through

Students who lay out a clear calendar for their dedicated study time tend to have less anxiety and are better prepared on test day.



- Organ-Based System of Studying
 - Much preferred to Physio then Pathophys
- Budget Time To Do All Questions TWICE & review them
 - Divide: # of Questions / # of Study Days
- Use external support to help you maintain the schedule
 - Peers, Family, Friends
 - Programs, Apps
 - Tutors



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Start your preparations early

Part of our purpose is to help you get started TODAY



- Give yourself time to build up your knowledge
- Starting early can mean:
 - Doing Qbank or practice questions
 - Using First Aid during your classes
 - Watching Pathoma videos
 - Reviewing Biochem

When?

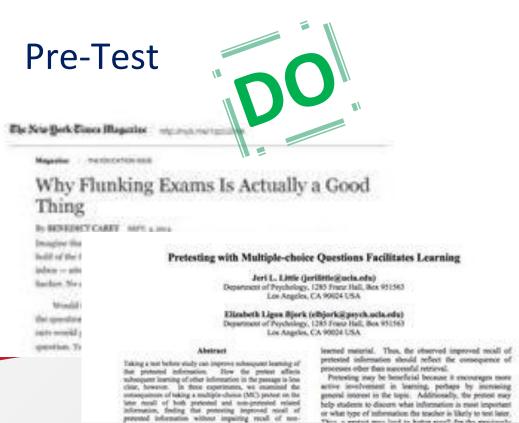
- Now
- Tomorrow

Caveats:

- Do not ignore your classes
- Small but limited amount of time on a <u>daily</u> basis



Take many tests & don't save questions





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- More powerful than a superficial understanding of many resources

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Understand your goals

- <u>Current goal</u>: maximize pre-clinical learning.
- End of year goal: maximize USMLE score

Know when to reach out for help

• We offer 1:1 private tutoring to any students





Limit your resources. Prune your medical school notes.





Limit Your Resources

- First Aid and the Qbank should comprise <a>>90% of your study efforts
- Get through Qbank <u>at least 2x</u> before taking the exam
 - 1st Pass: mixture of TUTOR mode & TIMED mode
 - Reset the Qbank
 - 2nd Pass: TIMED MODE
- We recommend taking notes or making flashcards on missed questions

Test questions and question prompts are frequently recycled with minor adjustments

- NBMEs and UWorld Self Assessments: 2 PURPOSES
 - 1. Objective assessment of where you are, and if you are ready to sit for the exam
 - 2. Exposes you to question prompts from the actual test writers



WE WILL DISCUSS AT THE END OF THIS LECTURE



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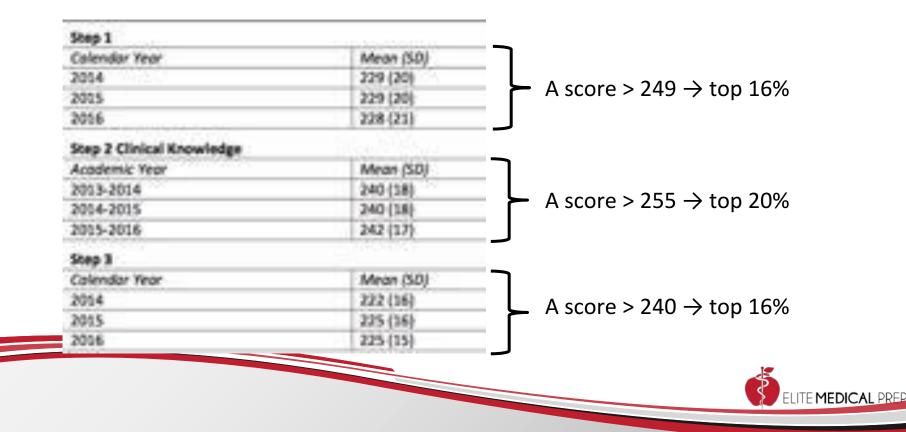
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What's the average score? What is a good score?



What Step 1 score do I need to get into residency?

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RECALL: Sample USMLE Question







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How to Approach a Prompt/Question and Answers First... Start at the End

Read the question stem.

• Understand what the question is asking you to do

- Ex: "What's the most likely diagnosis?"
- Ex: "What is the underlying mechanism?"
- > Ex: "Which serum marker will be decreased?"
- > Ex: "What is the side effect of the likely drug given?"

Note: Distractor answers will fit only 1 clue or some of the information given, not ALL

> Ex: "What's the next best step?" Note: As a general rule, except in emergencies, the **least** invasive test or procedure that helps the patient is usually correct

- Allows you to maintain focus. Especially on longer vignettes
- Avoids a Common Pitfall: students know the vignette but answers the 'wrong' question about it.

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Scan the answer choices

- See if you can break them down into categories or buckets
- Read the answer choices quickly and categorize them
 - > Example:
 - A) Anaphylactic.
 - B) Cardiogenic.
 - C) Hypovolemic.
 - D) Neurogenic.
 - E) Septic.
- A & E are immune mediated
 - > We would expect either signs of allergic reaction, infection, and a history of an exposure.
- B & D are related primary dysfunction of an organ system
 - Look for a clear finding to points to the <u>heart</u> or to the <u>autonomic nervous system/spinal cord</u>



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Actively read the prompt, summarizing as you go into your own words

 As information is given, begin piecing it together into a bigger picture in your own words

> Your "big picture" summary will be <u>immensely</u> helpful in selecting an answer

- Summary:
 - Young woman with acute onset GI symptoms presenting in shock with tachycardia and anemia, but no fever
 With practice, this presenting in shock with tachycardia
- Use the summary to help narrow down answer choices.
 - > Always try to use Process of Elimination (POE)
 - ➤ Helps to find the right answer
 - Helps exclude the wrong answers
 - \succ Increases your confidence that you are right \rightarrow reduces 2nd guessing yourself!

With practice, this process should take 10-15 sec (or less) per question

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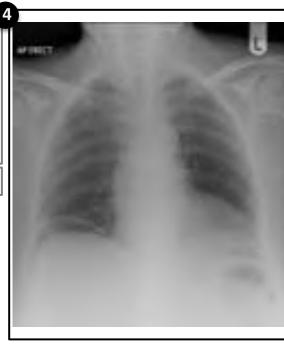
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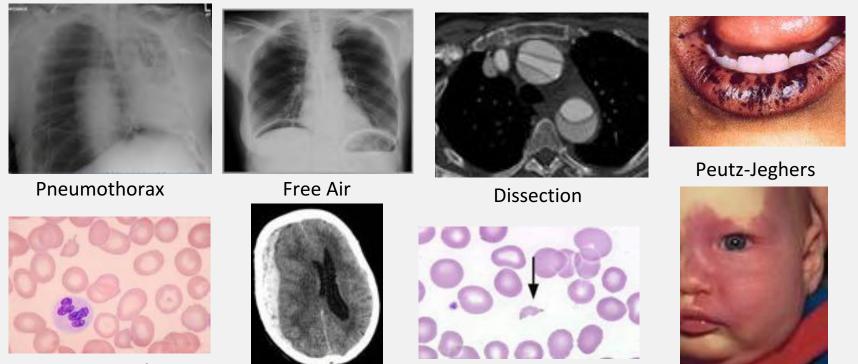
How to Approach a Prompt/Question and Answers Learn key normal values. Look at images last /ignore.

- Strong familiarity w/ lab values will reduce anxiety/confusion later. Imaging is important in the real world of medicine. Not so much on the test.
 - Chem 7 and CBC must be memorized. Vitals must be burned in your memory forever!
 - > Develop sense of upper/lower limits for Na, K, Cl, Cr, Ca, BUN, Gluc Hgb, Hct, WBC, Plt
 - Look at images LAST, if at all
 - Radiology Imaging You are NOT a radiologist.
 - Do not need to make radiographic diagnoses
 - > Rare exceptions (i.e ptx, free air under diaphragm, Epidural, SDH or SAH)
 - Patient Pictures
 - Lesions can be helpful if they are pathognomonic for a disease process
 - ➤ i.e mucosal lesions for Peutz-Jeghers.
 - Smears/Histology
 - > Blood smears helpful for basics: micro vs macrocytosis, and relative cell size
 - Not expected you to identify individual cells or provide detailed analysis



How to Approach a Prompt/Question and Answers

Example rare images that are highly helpful



Macrocytosis





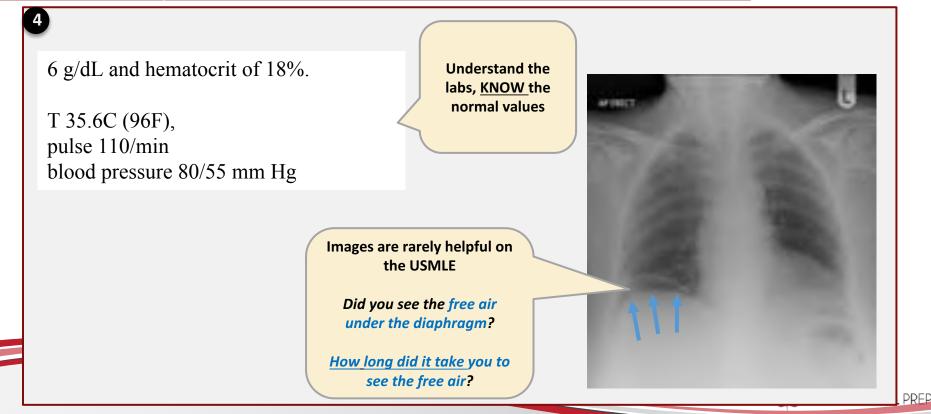
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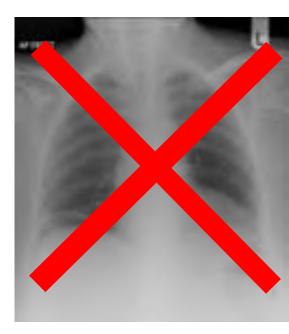
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	Arteriole diameter	Intracellular Na+ Concentration	Vascular Conductance
Α.	\uparrow	\uparrow	\uparrow
Β.	\uparrow	\uparrow	\checkmark
C.	\uparrow	\checkmark	\uparrow
D.	\uparrow	\checkmark	\downarrow
Ε.	\checkmark	\uparrow	\uparrow
F.	\checkmark	\uparrow	\checkmark
G.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\uparrow
Н.	\downarrow	\downarrow	\checkmark

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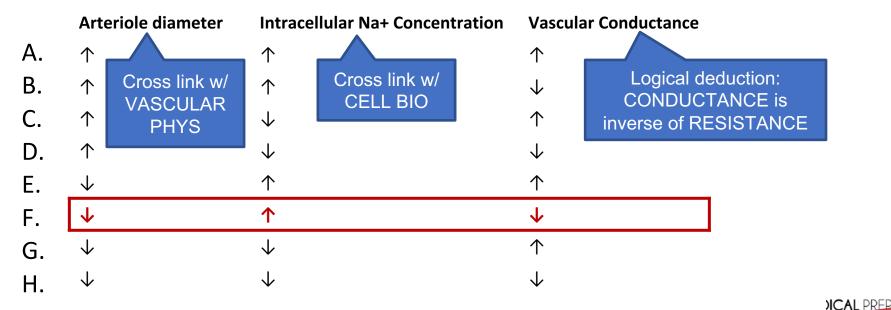
Part B:

- Crosslinking information across topics

- Using process of elimination

- Use logical deduction to understand unfamiliar terms

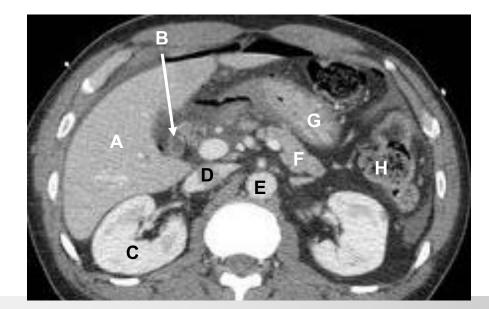
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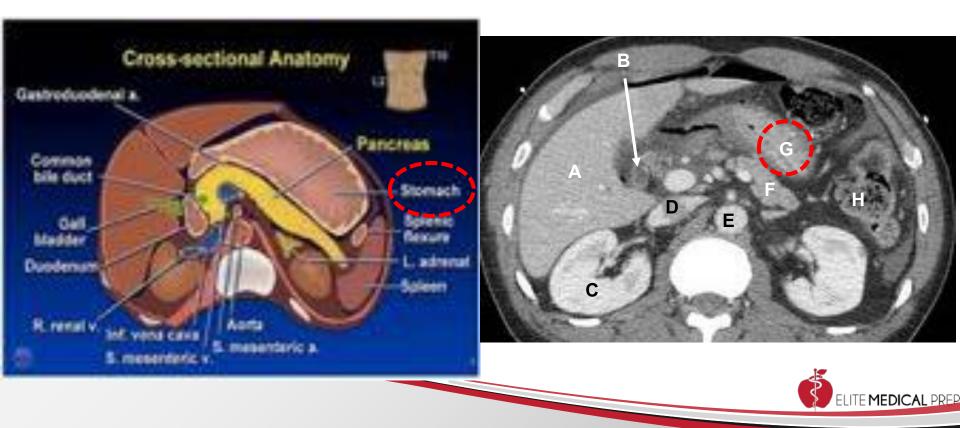


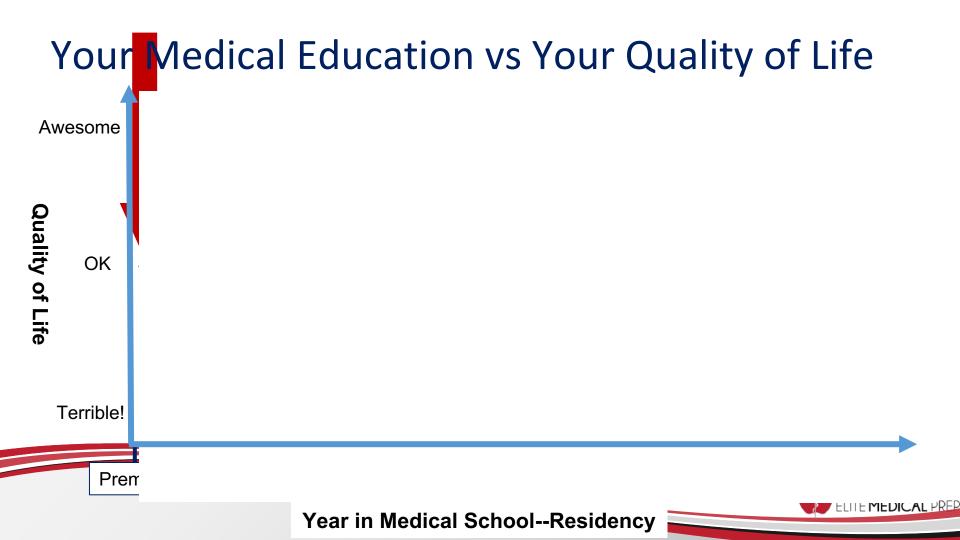
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Did you see the free air? <u>How long did it take you to see the free air?</u>

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What to do RIGHT NOW: Leveraging Qbank. Use First Aid as a supplement to regular studying

What You Need

First Aid:





- Read the First Aid chapter that corresponds with the topic you are studying during medical school
- Take notes about important topics or mnemonics you want to remember
- Annotate the margins with additional information from the Qbank

<u>Uworld QBank</u>

- Go through the corresponding Qbank questions with the topic you are studying
- Tutor mode is best as it allows you to fully read the explanations and learn without time pressure
- The scores aren't as important as the exposure to real test material and high-yield topics



Platform	🗸 Key Positives		
Ósmosis	 Best illustrations Comprehensive without being overly detailed Study schedule tool is unmatched User friendly; Integrated with key resources 		
🛦 AMBOSS	 Mobile friendly Comprehensive, but overly detailed Guidance Mode in Qbank Embedded key resources 	Detailed written reviews of these resources and the various pros and cons will be posted on the dedicated class	
Sinutcel	 ✓ User friendly ✓ Great illustrations ✓ Integration with key resources 	page. Please send any questions and comments to the dedicated email	
Pathoma	 Presents path/pathophys in manageable chunks Passive learning with variable detail 	address bgu2021@elitemedicalprep.com	
Boards and Beyond	 Well organized and integrated with key resources Good second source for tough topics Good integration of pharmacology and physiology 		
Online MedEd	 ✓ User friendly ✓ comprehensive for shelf exams ✓ Excellent videos 		
KAPLAN)	\checkmark Large question bank and practice exams		

✓ Mobile friendly

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 Good review of basic USMLE tenets with references to First Aid

Platform	🗸 Key Positives	🔀 Key Negatives	EMP Rating
(Ösmosis	 Best illustrations Comprehensive without being overly detailed Study schedule tool is unmatched User friendly; Integrated with key resources Mobile friendly 	 X Qbank lower difficulty vs. Uworld X Some flashcards are overly simple X Some videos can be lengthy 	* * *
AMBOSS	 Comprehensive, but overly detailed Guidance Mode in Qbank Embedded key resources 	 X Not user friendly X Illustrations are somewhat dull X No study schedule Tool 	$\stackrel{\bigstar}{\star} \stackrel{\bigstar}{\star}$
Oinutcel	 ✓ User friendly ✓ Great illustrations ✓ Integration with key resources 	 X Too much content that overwhelms/low yield X Not suitable for most exam prep timelines 	$ \stackrel{\bigstar}{\star} \stackrel{\bigstar}{\star} $
Path <mark>oma</mark>	 Presents path/pathophys in manageable chunks Passive learning with variable detail 	 X Not comprehensive across all topics - Best as supplement to other resources X Passive learning only 	$\star \star \star \star \star$
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KAPLAN	 Large question bank and practice exams Mobile friendly 	 Too much content/low yield Low video quality Not well integrated with resources No flashcards 	* *
usmle	✓ Good review of basic USMLE tenets with references to First Aid	 X Outdated X Obank far inferior with typos and errors 	\star

Exams we recommend for these platforms...





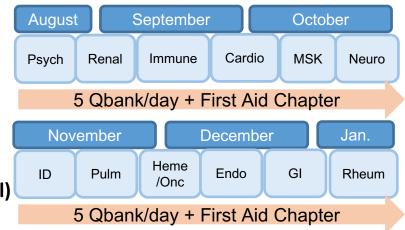
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Keep in mind that a resource can be good for the academic year, but less efficient/effective during dedicated study periods

			dedicated study periods	
Platform	Step 1	Step 2	Shelf Exams	Coursework
(OSMOSIS	\checkmark	X	X	\checkmark
🛦 AMBOSS	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	\checkmark
lecturio	_✓	X	X	✓
Pathoma	_ ✓	X	X	✓
Boards and Beyond [™]	X	X	X	\checkmark
Online MedEd	X	×	\checkmark	\checkmark
KAPLAN	\checkmark	X	×	\checkmark
usmle	X	X	X	× -₽

Set a Personalized Calendar

- Takes the guesswork out of studying
- Gives you comfort that you are studying the right topics, the right way
- Takes into account the resources you will be using, your exact timeline until test day, and any personal circumstances (e.g. religious holidays or vacations)
- General Steps for Right Now:
 - 3-5 Daily Questions in Qbank (TUTOR MODE)
- Incorporate First Aid into your note taking NOW.
- Get familiar with a flashcard program (Anki, Quizlet, et al)





FAQs about Setting your study calendar

- How detailed should I make the calendar at this time?
 - Planning down to the hour each day rarely works out
 - causes more anxiety than it's worth
 - Stick to the "topic" level. Supplement your classwork w/ FA and a few daily Qs.
- What if I get behind?
 - Focus on your classwork
 - Now is not the time to cram for the USMLE. Slow and steady work is the key here

Next session will spend time on using a calendar template and setting specifics

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Next Steps in our engagement

- We are available for feedback and questions. A dedicated email has been created for students in your class year at Ben Gurion. bgu2021@elitemedicalprep.com
- Please send questions and comments after the sessions to this email. Responses will be prompt and questions relevant to the group will be summarized and shared

Collect feedback from you and the students regarding our service, so that we may better serve you all moving forward

Thank You.

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