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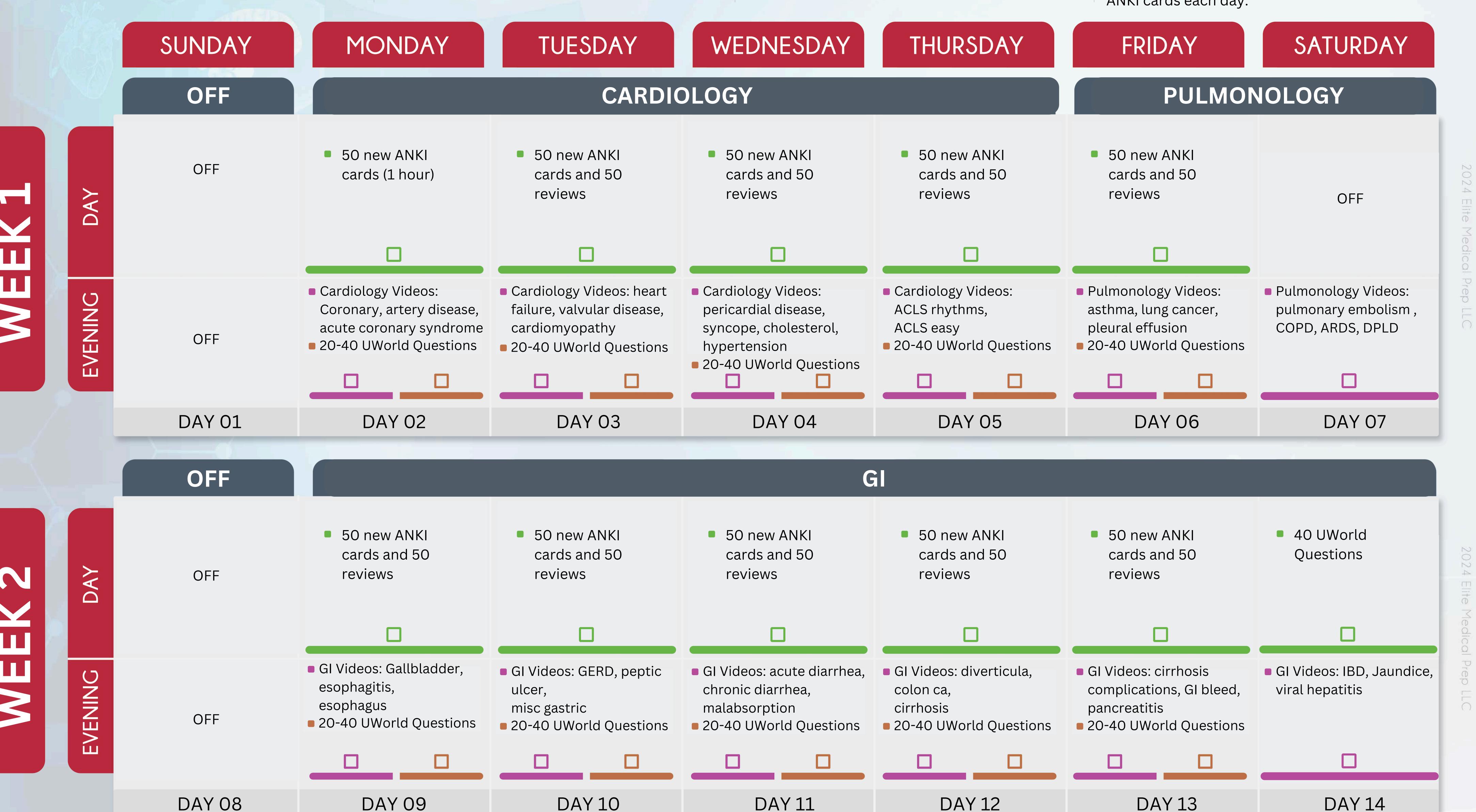
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For this planner, we have recommended Online Med Ed Videos. While many of our students find these videos helpful, there are many other great options for shelf studying!

If you prefer to use another video series, plan out 2 to 3 videos per day ensuring that you leave about 2-3 weeks at the end to review topics that are difficult for you.

There are 2 options for ANKI. If you are one who LOVES ANKI and uses it all the time and wants to complete all ANKI questions, then follow the format below.

If you prefer to do slightly less ANKI, then you can do "targeted ANKI." This means you will start with your IM cards suspended. When you come across a question that is "fact based" you can "unsuspend" 1-2 ANKI cards for that question. This will make sure that you utilize the great aspects of ANKI without overloading yourself with hundreds or thousands of ANKI cards each day.



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When you first start your rotation, we recommend completing 20-30 targeted UWorld questions in the topic you are studying for that week. As you gain more knowledge, you can begin incorporating 10-20 mixed UWorld questions into your studying.

Wear compression socks —they'll keep your legs from getting tired and swollen, especially during those long days. Keep snacks handy and eat regularly, especially with early hours and long shifts. It'll help you stay energized and focused throughout your rotation.

Can do two weeks of targeted practice in cards, GI, pulm and crit care, renal, and ID if weaker foundation.

After working hard all day on your clinical rotation, it can be difficult to come home and study even longer. Adapt the schedule as necessary.

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Approaching the internal medicine shelf exam is about strategic preparation. Dedicate time to high-yield topics, reinforce learning with UWorld questions, and stay organized with a study schedule. Balancing review and practice will build both confidence and competence.

Try to learn from your patients as much as possible. It will "stick" better if you have seen it before! Read about the cases you will be seeing that day. Ask questions about how or why the patient might be pre-opped a certain way.

When doing your UWorld for the last 3-4 weeks. We recommend that you complete 20 targeted UWorld questions for a topic you are struggling with and 20 mixed questions. This will help make sure you cover all material while targeting your weaknesses

Success on the internal medicine shelf exam hinges on strong foundational knowledge and the ability to apply it clinically. Prioritize systems-based studying, practice problem-solving with UWorld, and revisit weak areas regularly. Don't forget to incorporate patient cases for practical learning.

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Preparing for the internal medicine shelf exam requires mastering a broad range of topics, from cardiology to infectious diseases. Focus on high-yield resources like UWorld and Step Up to Medicine to solidify your clinical knowledge. Consistent review and practice questions are key to success.

As you begin taking NBME practice exams, make sure to carefully review your strengths and weaknesses. Use these weaknesses to target the questions you need to focus on as well as videos that you may want to review.

AMBOSS provides shelf exam-specific questions that are also high-yield and cover relevant IM topics, making it a great supplement if you're feeling overwhelmed.

Being a medical student is tough—you want to help, but it can sometimes feel like you're in the way.

Always offer to assist with tasks like moving the patient, getting supplies, or transporting them.

Showing interest and being helpful in big and small ways will help you succeed in your clerkship.

