Chapter Members,

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Did you know that the University of Washington has an “Osler Club” for WWAMI students?

The Osler Club, named after Sir William Osler, is an internal medicine interest group for University of Washington School of Medicine students. Its purpose is to provide students with the opportunity to learn about internal medicine, both as a primary care and subspecialty field. In addition, club meetings expose students to medical topics typically encountered by internists. The club also provides time to socialize and have fun.

The club provides first and second year medical students the opportunity to attend morning medicine rounds at three area hospitals, UWMC, Harborview, and Providence. This allows students to gain clinical exposure and informs them as to the role and expectations they will have during their medicine clerkships.

The Osler Club meets one to two times each quarter. A wide variety of topics are presented at meetings. Topics in the past have included panels on "How to Survive and Thrive in Your Internal Medicine Clerkship," how to use electronic medical records effectively, AIDS (from the perspective of the patient as well as the health care team), telemedicine, competing successfully for an internal medicine residency, and "Medical Jeopardy," in which students answer medical questions in a manner similar to the television game show.

Meetings typically have 40 to 50 first-year and second-year medical students in attendance. Student officers generate topic ideas and plan catering and room arrangements. A faculty member provides guidance and resources and attends all meetings. Funding for the club comes from the American College of Physicians, Washington State Chapter.

This is a great way to introduce students to internal medicine. You can visit their website at: http://students.washington.edu/osleruw/Osler_Club/Welcome.html