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To: The Class of 2013  
From: Glenn D. Miller, M.D.  
Director, Predoctoral Education  
Re: Laptop/Notebook Requirement

Welcome to the University of Illinois College of Medicine. I understand that you will begin your M1 year in August 2009 in Urbana, and will transfer to our Peoria campus in August 2010 for the rest of your medical education. I wanted to make you aware of a policy for students at the Peoria campus.

You will be required to have access to laptop or notebook computer. Your curriculum documents, notes, exams, and correspondences will all be electronic, so having a versatile laptop will allow you to fully participate in all educational activities. Some site specific software may need to be loaded on your machine once you start the M-2 academic year.

### **Should you buy a PC or a MAC?**

Currently, some software is only available in a Windows PC version. Please consider this when deciding between a Macintosh and Windows system. The Peoria campus is a Windows-based environment. For this reason, we strongly encourage you to purchase a Windows-based laptop. If you have a MAC, be aware that some services will not be available to you.

The attached page has the recommended specifications to guide you in your purchase.

### **What if my current laptop does not meet these specifications?**

You may prefer to continue to use it, but performance may suffer on some applications and you may not be able to take online exams efficiently. We will try to have options for lease or group purchase by the time you arrive in Peoria, if a replacement is necessary.

Please contact me if you have additional questions.

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## Hardware and Software Minimum Recommendations

<b>Component</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Processor	Intel® Core™ 2 Duo Processor T7250 2.0GHz or equivalent
Memory (RAM)	1024 MB
Screen Size	14" minimum
Display Resolution	1074 x 768 (Color Setting 32-bit)
Hard Drive	160 GB
Operating System	Windows XP or Vista
Internet Connection (wired)	Ethernet 10/100
Wireless Connection	802.11b/g
Removal Storage	CD/DVD Combo Drive with recording capability Read Speed - CD 24x DVD 8x
	USB Key Drive (2 G)
Ethernet Cable	Cat 5e – 6-8 foot length
Headphones	Comfortable fitting headphones with miniplug
Software	Microsoft Office 2007
	Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher
	Symantec Antivirus (provided by the school)
	Antispam Software
	Apple Quicktime (free at Apple site)
	Apple iTunes (free at Apple site)