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Dear Colleagues,

Although it may seem premature to contemplate life after medical school so early in your medical school training, time moves quickly and it is never too soon to start thinking about how you plan to spend the rest of your professional life.

We are writing to introduce you to the field of **Neurological Surgery** as a possible career. Neurosurgery, the youngest of the surgical subspecialties, is an extremely sophisticated, highly demanding, constantly changing but richly rewarding discipline concerned with the diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of disorders of the nervous system- the brain, spinal cord and peripheral nerves. Currently, the job opportunities in Neurosurgery are wide open.

If you would like to learn more about Neurosurgery, here are some suggestions:

- Visit the Neurosurgery Department and introduce yourself to the faculty
- Consider doing an elective rotation in Neurosurgery
- Meet and shadow the Neurosurgery Residents and Attendings
- Explore the Neurosurgery Laboratory and consider becoming involved in a research project or working in the lab over the summer
- Surf the Internet:  
Check out the website, **SO YOU WANT TO BE A NEUROSURGEON**  
<http://www.neurosurgerywins.org/career/SYWTBANS.pdf>

This was created by the organization, Women in Neurosurgery, as a guide for both men and women considering neurosurgery as a career choice. It provides a wealth of information as well as useful links to other sites. Have a look at the website, **AANS.org** (<http://www.aans.org>), which has a medical student link.

We hope you will find these suggestions helpful and we wish you the best of luck in choosing your career.

Sincerely,

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