Timing of USMLE Step Exams

**For data to be in MSPE** - Test scores for Step 1, Step 2 CK and Step 2 CS can be included and the number of students including all 3 is growing- for inclusion in MSPE means student needs to take CS by July 12th (scores are not reported often), Step 1 and Step 2 CK by end July.

**ERAS Application** - It is highly recommended that you have a passing score for Step 1 by September 15th to include in your ERAS application. Some programs also want Step 2CK scores before granting interviews.

**For Match Certification** - Match certification takes place in mid-February. Pass Step 1 and Step 2 CK, take by end December- Required to be certified to participate in the match. Remember, however, if you take and fail the exam in December there will not be time to re-take it in order to be certified for the match. If want CS then must take by November 1st to be certified. Again, more students are including all 3 for the Match. In order to have Step 2CS certified for match (optional) you must take it by November 1 since these scores are not reported often.

**For graduation** - Pass for Step 2 CS, take by end January (all three must be passed for graduation).