A: Here at Vanderbilt, we have an elective in third year during the surgery clerkship which is two-three weeks and directed by Dr Ram Pai. In fourth year, we have a one-month elective in clinical anesthesiology where skills and knowledge in all areas of anesthesiology are explored. This is directed by Dr. Jill Boyle. Most career-oriented students will elect to do the rotation in the first few months of fourth year before applying for residency. We orient new housestaff in June and July, so experience can be diluted in those months.