**Phase 2a FAQs**

**Tips for Phase 2a Early Years GP Placement**

* Try and use the conditions to go over understanding
* Get lift sharing sorted early on
* Try and learn how to take a history so you can use this time as practise on a real patient
* Set up a google drive for your group

**Tips for the Research Attachment**

* Projects with other people are great ways to meet new people
* Get a rough plan of your introduction done early on
* No matter what project, ask your supervisor what they want/how they want you to write your report as they are the one marking it
* Set realistic goals with your supervisor at the start about what can be achieved in this space of time (it’s not long at all in research terms)
* The project can lead to good things in future but the main thing to get out of it is to find out whether you like research.
* Pick projects where you can see further opportunities (publication, conference etc)
* Choose an attachment that really interests you as it is a long attachment, so you want to stay motivated
* Don't worry about the project being amazing - take it for the experience
* Explore further opportunities for intercalation
* Get friendly with junior members to understand academic medicine
* Watch videos on YouTube for SPSS if you need to do stats

**General Phase 2a Tips**

* Learn a little about a lot and learn more about the higher yield conditions. You’re not expected to know everything.
* Osmosis on YouTube
* This is a short year! The exams sneak up on you, so being organised helps
* Notes this year are really important and will be useful throughout medical school