

# Emergency Medicine LORs

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On behalf of the CORD SLOE Committee, we are pleased to announce that a new letter for non-EM physicians to complete for application season 2020 has been created-the [O-SLOE](#)! O SLOE stands for 'off-service' or 'other rotation' SLOE, and will hopefully take the place of the old narrative LOR we'd get from non-EM rotations.

Visit the CORD [website](#) where the O-SLOE and O-SLOE instructions are housed.

Please encourage medical students you advise to use this letter in place of the old narrative LOR from rotations like IM, Surgery, OB/GYN, etc.

Our Committee will now shift to making key edits to the EM SLOEs for this application cycle. The goal will be to keep the edits to only sections of the letter that may be affected due to COVID. Bigger changes to the SLOEs may occur over the next few years. When our edits are complete, we will let y'all know that the SLOEs are ready for use!

We'll leave you with this. It is a list created to help medical students understand all of the SLOE options we have in EM. Feel free to share this with the students you advise.

[View the newly released O SLOE!](#)

## TYPES OF SLOE

- [eSLOE for academic EM faculty](#). This is the letter you will get from doing an EM rotation at an academic/residency program. This SLOE typically holds the most weight. Most years students will get 2-3 eSLOEs from the rotations they complete at residency program sites. (For 2020, the number of recommended eSLOEs is 1, given COVID restrictions on rotations)
  - [SLOE for non-academic EM faculty](#). This is a letter designed to be written by an Emergency Physician that works at a hospital not affiliated with an EM residency program. Examples of this letter from the Midwest would include the University of North Dakota and the University of South Dakota-both schools have EM rotations,
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but neither has their own EM residency.

- [SLOE from an EM sub-specialty rotation](#). This is a letter designed to be written by an Emergency Physician that you worked with during an Ultrasound, EMS, Peds EM or Toxicology rotation.
- [O-SLOE](#). This is NEW for 2020. Off-service Standardized Letter of Recommendation. Given all of the changes to medical student rotations, and therefore to the EM application process, we have created this letter to be used for all of your non-EM letter writers to use (ex: Surgery, Medicine, Pediatrics, etc.). For this letter, we recommend having someone write the letter that knows you well, more than someone that is well known, and we are truly open to reading this letter from any clinical rotation that you have done. There is not one key off-service rotation that leads to a better letter than any other.

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