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Dear Senior students:

The Block 10 Committee is busy finalizing the Block 10 curriculum – The Last Chance Course 2003. It will be ready for posting on your College of Medicine web page soon. We have a comprehensive, and we feel very useful curriculum prepared for you this year. Rather than discuss it in any detail at this point, I will ask you to wait a few days and see the completed curriculum on the web page. We also have been asked to include a couple of short surveys for research purposes during the course, and we will ask for your indulgence in completing them.

I want to confirm that this year there will be no attendance requirement, but that during the course several tests will be given covering the material presented to you, generally at the end of each week. You will only be tested on each week's content once. To successfully complete the course you will be required to make an overall score of at least 70% after combining the scores on all your tests. That means that a low score on any one test can be redeemed with a high score on another one. Those failing to score 70% or better on the tests taken as a whole will be required to complete a short paper on the content area where the greatest weakness was shown. You will be responsible for contacting the course director to discuss the paper if your score is below 70% at the end of the course. The course director will post your scores immediately after each test so you can follow your progress toward successfully achieving the required 70% mark.

One final note on the tests. The tests will be easy. If you come to the presentations, you are virtually guaranteed to score 70% or higher.

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