Dear incoming students,

Please be aware that you will be taking most of your exams via a personal laptop, so you are required to own a PC or Mac laptop that can be used for all exams. Meeting computer hardware specifications from the Columbia University Medical Center Information Technology (CUMCIT) office will enable your laptop to smoothly run the required exam-taking software, as well as encryption software.

Please also review the minimum system requirements for running exams on personal PC and Mac laptops using the ExamSoft SofTest software used for all course exams, including ExamSoft’s required screen resolution and minimum version of Adobe Reader needed for exam images to load properly.

Please also note the following:

- CUMC is beginning to support the use of iPads for ExamSoft exams, however it’s currently up to individual programs and/or faculty members whether an iPad can be used for an exam, so you will still need to have a laptop for some exams.
- Generally, it is a good idea to check with CUMCIT and ExamSoft before upgrading your PC or Mac operating systems to recently released operating
- CUMCIT and ExamSoft do not support the Windows XP operating system.

You will be sent additional information this summer about registering your laptop to use the ExamSoft electronic testing SofTest software, and about downloading and installing this software onto your computer.