Student-purchased Notebook Computer Requirement for Fall 2003
READ CAREFULLY AND RETURN BEFORE JUNE 20, 2003

Students in the Class of 2007 must own a notebook computer as part of the equipment required for beginning classes in Fall 2003. All students who do not already own a notebook computer that meets the minimum requirements are required to purchase the model chosen by the School of Medicine (SOM). All students are required to purchase the same model in order that the SOM can provide the appropriate level of software/hardware support to the entire student body.

The SOM is currently evaluating which notebook computer model to purchase. The chosen model will meet/exceed the minimum requirements outlined below, and cost ~ $2,300 including hardware, software, 4 yr warranty, 3 yr damage replacement, shipping and taxes. The SOM orders the computers for all students in late June 2003. The computers are delivered to the SOM, configured with software and distributed to students during orientation. The cost of the computer is added to the student’s Fall 2003 fee bill and is eligible for financial aid.

If you already own a notebook computer, purchased prior to the date of the acceptance letter, you may apply to “opt-out” of the required notebook computer purchase, if:

- The notebook computer meets or exceeds the minimum requirements (below).
- You provide complete written specifications for the notebook computer on the back of this sheet (Notebook Computer Opt-out Application) and return prior to June 20, 2003.
- You understand and accept by signing this form that you will be responsible for supporting your own computer and having it in working condition at all times. The SOM will not provide hardware or software support to users who choose to opt-out.

The SOM will notify those who apply to opt-out whether or not their computer qualifies by June 23rd. If (1) the opt-out application is received after June 20th, (2) your application to opt-out is rejected, or (3) you are accepted after June 20th, a computer will be ordered for you and charged to your fee bill.

Minimum Requirements: 1.5 GHz Pentium IV processor, 256MB RAM, 30GB HD, 14.1” active matrix display, 4X AGP graphics adapter capable of 1024 x 768 resolution w/ 32-bit color, Combo CD-RW/DVD, 3.5” floppy drive, 10/100 Ethernet adapter, 2 Type II PC-Card Slots, Integrated 16-bit audio, V.90 56K modem, Li Ion battery, locking cable, Windows XP Pro, Microsoft Office XP Pro, Internet Explorer 5.5.

Please check one of the options below, sign and return this form by June 20, 2003 to: Ms. Becky Odinet, Office of Medical Education, Isidore Cohn Student Learning Center, 2020 Gravier Street, Box L1-2, New Orleans, LA, 70112.
If you have questions, please contact Dr. Wayne Wilbright at: wwilbr@lsuhsc.edu

- I will purchase the notebook computer chosen by the SOM.
- I would like to opt-out of the SOM notebook purchase program as I already own a notebook computer that meets or exceeds the minimum requirements. I understand that by opting-out, the SOM will not provide software or hardware support for my computer. I have completed the opt-out worksheet on the back of this page.

Printed name: ____________________________ Email: ____________________
Signature: _______________________________ Date: _____________________

How would you rate your level of computer knowledge? Minimal Average High Expert
Notebook Computer Opt-out Application

ALL FIELDS MUST BE COMPLETED OR YOUR APPLICATION TO OPT-OUT WILL BE REJECTED AND A NOTEBOOK COMPUTER WILL BE ORDERED FOR YOU AND CHARGED TO YOUR FALL FEE BILL. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY; THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.

Name of manufacturer: __________________________
Model number: __________________________
Serial number: _______________________
Pentium processor speed: ________ GHz (must be 1.5 GHz Pentium IV or greater)
Hard drive capacity: ________ GB (minimum 30 GB)
RAM: ___________MB (minimum 256 MB)
Viewable screen size: ___________ inches (minimum 14.1”)
Active matrix display: YES NO
4X AGP graphics adapter capable of 1024x768 resolution w/ 32-bit color: YES NO
Combo CD/CD-R/CD-RW/DVD drive: YES NO
10 / 100 Ethernet adapter: YES NO
2 Type II PC-Card Slots YES NO
Integrated 16-bit audio/headphone jack: YES NO
V.90 56K modem: YES NO
Lithium ion battery: YES NO
Locking cable: YES NO
Windows XP Pro operating system: YES NO
Microsoft Office XP Pro: YES NO
Internet Explorer 5.5 or greater: YES NO

Please be sure to read and complete the front page of this form.

Please do not write below:

_______ The student’s notebook computer is approved for use.

_______ The student’s notebook computer does not meet the minimum requirements.

The student has been notified by email and a notebook computer meeting minimum requirements has been ordered for the student as part of the student-purchased notebook computer program.