What is this sale?
It is a once-a-year opportunity to buy the equipment you will use from medical school onward at a huge discount from list prices. To ensure that you will be able to purchase your equipment and take it right home, we will make every effort to have sufficient quantities on hand. But should we run out of an item we will quickly reorder it for you at no extra charge.

When can I buy my equipment at the sale prices?
We carry all of these items year round, but the sale prices will only be offered from Monday, August 7th through Friday, August 18th. Store hours are Mon-Fri 7:45am-6pm, Sat 10am-5pm, and Sun Noon-5pm.

Where do I go to get the equipment?
Come to the medical equipment counter in the UCLA Health Sciences Store, which is located in the CHS patio - it’s the same store where you buy your textbooks. Be sure to bring your UCLA ID because these prices won't be offered to anyone but first year medical students.

Can I try out the equipment before I buy?
Absolutely. We encourage you to listen to the stethoscopes, and handle the diagnostic equipment in order to decide what best meets your needs and personal preferences. Come in as often as you like until you feel comfortable making a decision. Our staff will be available to answer any questions. Plus, manufacturer’s representatives will be on hand one day during orientation for demonstrations-check with us for specific dates and times.

Does the equipment have a warranty?
Manufacturer’s warranties vary from item to item, but most of the equipment is unconditionally guaranteed for as long as you are a student, even through your residency. Additionally, should any instrument you purchase from us ever need repair, just bring it in to the UCLA Health Sciences Store and we will handle all of the details, including shipping it back to the manufacturer.

Will the UCLA Health Sciences Store buy back my equipment when I’m through with it?
Yes we will. In the past some students have avoided purchasing the required equipment because they felt it was too expensive. But without the proper equipment you are at a significant disadvantage-classroom learning is challenged if you have to share instruments, and your proficiency with the equipment can lag without hands-on practice. We understand this and therefore offer a program that allows you to save even more money by selling your used diagnostic sets back to us for cash, just like textbooks. That way you can purchase all of the equipment you need and have peace of mind knowing that we will buy it back when you are finished. But this buyback program is limited to diagnostic sets purchased during this sale period only, so be sure to ask for details.
What do I need to order this year and when will I start using this equipment?
A diagnostic set, a stethoscope, a sphygmomanometer, and a neurology kit. The equipment has been pre-approved by the David Geffen School of Medicine faculty to include instruments appropriate for doctors and medical students. Your first year financial aid includes an allowance for this equipment purchased at the sale prices. You will need this equipment starting in Block 1 and beyond.

What’s in a diagnostic set?
The diagnostic set includes an otoscope, an ophthalmoscope, a choice between two handles, and a case. All sets fit in a lab coat pocket and some can be attached to a belt. Advanced sets include a throat illuminator that is needed if you ever plan to add accessories.

What’s in a neurology kit?
Two tuning forks of differing frequencies, a pen light, and a percussion hammer. These instruments are available separately.

How do I choose a stethoscope that is right for me?
It gets a little complicated, but ultimately it ends up being an individual decision based upon how you evaluate the following issues: your comfort level with the fit of the stethoscope in your ear canal, your hearing, the weight of the stethoscope, and the degree of convertibility to pediatrics. It’s best to come in and try different models before you make your decision.