

AWAY ROTATION EVALUATION FORM

Specialty: *Anesthesia*

Medical School / Hospital: *Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania*

Month/Year of Rotation: September 2005

How would you rate your overall experience? (check one)

Poor Fair Good Very Good Excellent

How many hours/week were you on duty? 45-50

How many hours/week did you spend with interns? 0

Residents? 40-45

Fellows? 0

Attendings? 5-10

Did you meet/work with the Residency Program Director? The Dept Chair?

I got to work with the Dept Chairman (Dr. Fleisher) one day in the main OR and the program director (Dr. Gaiser) for one day in the main OR and two days on OB.

If so, any tips?

This rotation was truly excellent and probably the best experience I have in medical school thus far. I was on the fence about anesthesia and the awesome experience I had at Penn convinced me to pursue anesthesia. If you are even slightly interested in anesthesia and may want to stay in Philadelphia DO THIS AWAY ELECTIVE!!! You will most likely love it too as myself and some of my fellow classmates have.

What were your daily duties?

I spent the vast majority of days (16 out of 20) in the main OR, where the hours were approximately 6:45am to whenever the room finished which ranged from 12:00pm to 5:00pm, but probably averaged out to be 4:00pm to 4:30pm. I spent two days on OB, which I would highly recommend because that's where Dr. Gaiser (the program director) is easily found. I also spent two days at CHOP and pretty much only observed pediatric anesthesia because the attendings there barely let the residents do procedures let alone a lowly med student.

Did this rotation (check one):

Create new interest in the specialty

Reinforce existing interest

Decrease interest

Have no effect

Any tips on how to get the most out of this rotation? Did this rotation help you get a letter of recommendation? Or an interview?

Do this rotation early enough in your 4th year to get a letter of recommendation if so desire one. I did get a letter from the program director and he was very approachable. I also got an

interview.

Any Warnings or Things Not To Do:

Don't bother spending a lot of time at CHOP, even if you think your calling in peds anesthesia. The attendings are very protective of the peds patients and you won't get to do much, if anything at all. Also since it is the HUP attendings that will decide your fate and not CHOP attendings, it is in your best interest to be at HUP getting valuable face time.

Is housing provided for students? If not, where did you stay?

Is parking provided?

No housing or parking, but hey this is HUP and it's only 22 blocks from Jeff. Suck it up, it'll be worth it.

Who did you contact to set up the rotation?

Google "Penn visiting medical student" to get the ball rolling. It will cost you \$150 to apply but again, it'll be worth it.

Would you recommend this rotation for future JMC 4th years?

DEFINITELY.

Please add any other comments (strengths, weaknesses of the program):

This rotation was awesome and largely convinced me to do anesthesia. The attendings, residents, nurses, and ancillary staff were all surprisingly friendly. The attendings at HUP love anesthesia and love to teach it, that is why they are at HUP.