

Away Rotation Evaluation Form

1. Specialty: Anesthesiology

2. Medical School / Hospital: University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine (HUP)

3. How would you rate your overall experience? (check one)
 Poor Fair Good Very Good Excellent

4. How many hours per week were you on duty? 40

5. How many hours per week did you spend with:

a. Interns: 0

b. Residents: 40

c. Fellows: 0

d. Attendings: 15

6. Did you meet with or work with the Residency Program Director or the Department Chair? Yes, the Residency program Director (Dr. Gaiser) was also the clerkship coordinator. He met with us for 1-1.5 hours per week for didactics which were excellent. He is also one of the OB attendings so you have a good chance of getting to work with him when you rotate on OB Anesthesia.

7. Which attendings had the greatest influence on your experience? Dr. Gaiser is one of the greatest attendings I've worked with to date. He is 100% committed to the education of his students and residents. He is an amazing person and a strong reason to consider Penn for residency. Dr. Baranov was also a great teacher. He's Anesthesia simulation lecture was extremely helpful.

8. What were your daily duties? Assist the resident in the O.R. with direct patient care. Standard for Anesthesia. You get to do a lot of intubations, LMAs, assist with spinals/epidurals, etc. Most IVs are done by the nurses (except the first one of the day is often done by the student/resident).

9. Did this rotation (check one):

Create new interest in the specialty

Reinforce existing interest

Decrease interest

Have no effect

10. Any tips on how to get the most out of this rotation? Apply early, this rotation fills quickly. You are assigned to one resident for two weeks, this works well as you don't have to put up with the 7AM "free for all" that occurs at programs where this does not occur. After that you rotate through the subspecialties, but you are either given an attending's pager number or told which O.R.s to go to for that specialty.

11. Any warnings or tips on what NOT to do? Nothing in particular. Just remember that you will be meeting with Dr. Gaiser each week (he buys ice cream, coffee, etc.) and likes to ask "what did

you learn this week”, so have something in mind and be prepared to talk about it and be questioned for 5-10 min. It’s very benign, and Dr. Gaiser asks a lot of leading questions that provide you with just enough anxiety so you remember what is being said, but you have a safety net too. His teaching style is very effective.

12. Did you get a letter of recommendation? I rotated at HUP after the “window” so I did not attempt to get a letter.

13. Did this rotation help you get an interview? I received an interview invitation while rotating at HUP, people from out of town were allowed to interview while there to avoid travelling back to Philly.

14. Is housing provided? If not, any recommendations on where to stay? No, live at home Penn is in Philly.

15. Is parking provided? If not, any recommendations on where to park? They provide an option for cheap off-campus parking with a shuttle, I didn’t take advantage of this, just rode my bike to work every day (luckily it didn’t rain).

16. Who did you contact to set up this rotation? Penn’s website has a central visiting student application page where you apply online. There is a fee to do the rotation (I think it was like \$150, but I don’t remember—it was last October that I applied). Apply early! It’s well worth the money, they call it an “application fee” but you aren’t charged unless you are offered a spot which is nice.

a. Did you use VSAS? No.

17. When did you apply for the rotation and when did they inform you that you got the rotation? I applied in October and heard in April/May for an October slot.

18. Where there any special requirements for the rotation (i.e. BLS re-certification, LOR, etc.)? Only that you’ve had a rotation in Anesthesia before starting.

19. Would you recommend this rotation to future JMC 4th years? YES! I learned a great deal on this rotation and had an excellent time. Penn is a great place to do a rotation, and you can’t beat the location! Talk about doing an away rotation without spending any traveling money... I may be biased, but if you want a residency in Philly, Jeff and Penn should be your two top choices, and rotating at both is a good idea. (P.S. Sign up for your rotation at Jeff early early early too. Go to 8490 Gibbon and put your name on the sheet, it fills up FAST).

20. Please add additional comments (strengths, weaknesses, miscellaneous tips...)

I highly recommend this rotation, especially if you are possibly interested in a Residency at HUP, you also get 2 days at CHOP which is nice, especially since while at Jeff Peds experience is minimal (since the vast majority our inpatient peds is at A.I.).

THANK YOU!

Please return form to jeffersonAOA@gmail.com.

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