

Away Rotation Evaluation Form

1. Specialty: CCU/Cardiology
2. Medical School / Hospital: National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda
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? 72
5. How many hours per week did you spend with:
 - a. Interns – 72 You work alongside interns but do not precept with them
 - b. Residents – 72 You will work very closely with upper year residents
 - c. Fellows – 60 The fellows are all very involved in patient care and will have lots of teaching sessions for you in addition to rounding
 - d. Attendings – 40 The attendings are mainly present for rounds and discharges
6. Did you meet with or work with the Residency Program Director or the Department Chair? No, although the department chair does rotate into the CCU periodically
7. Which attendings had the greatest influence on your experience? Dr's Curran, Ferguson, and Haigney. Dr. Curran is very nice and a great teacher but is usually difficult to get in touch with, which can make discharges a nightmare. Dr. Ferguson is very indifferent to students – he's not a mean person but he doesn't teach and won't really acknowledge you most of the time. Dr. Haigney is fantastic – he's a nice, funny guy, a great teacher, and he's very involved with patient care.

8. What were your daily duties? Arrive around 5:30 to pre-round on patients, round with the team, and handle discharges and miscellaneous tasks during the day. The hardest aspect of this rotation is that you admit every day, and the 3 interns and sub-intern alternate admissions, so you typically will have a new admit every 1-2 days in addition to patients who come on overnight. It is a very busy service but most people are there to rule out acute coronary syndrome so they are not very sick. The CCU title is a total misnomer and if you want ICU experience (which is why I took the class) you should try to get a spot in the medical ICU.
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? You must be willing to work hard, this is not a rotation where you can slack off and blend in and the hours are pretty rough (around 12 hour a day, six days a week). You absolutely MUST be proficient in EKGs...you'll learn a lot about them while you are there, but attendings do harp on you so having a firm basis will make a good impression.
11. Any warnings or tips on what NOT to do? Not really, everyone there is very nice and accepting so long as you're a hard worker. Like I said above, though, you HAVE to be willing to work hard.

12. Did you get a letter of recommendation? No, but I did not ask for one as it was already October. If you do want/need a letter I highly recommend NOT asking Dr. Curran – I could barely get him to complete my eval.
13. Did this rotation help you get an interview? No, everyone will get an interview if they want one.
14. Is housing provided? If not, any recommendations on where to stay? Housing is provided at the base's visitors quarters...it's fairly nice and you'll be reimbursed in full for the lodging. You also get a \$64 a day food stipend and Bethesda and DC have some great restaurants.
15. Is parking provided? If not, any recommendations on where to park? Parking is free and there are plenty of spots outside of the visitors quarters which is a short walk into the hospital.
16. Who did you contact to set up this rotation? Kathryn Bomysoad is the student coordinator for the entire IM department. I believe her email is
Kathryn.Bomysoad@med.navy.mil
17. Would you recommend this rotation to future JMC 4th years? Maybe. I learned a ton and felt like I really earned a lot of respect, but my major goal was to get ICU experience and the CCU was not useful in that regard. This was also a very difficult rotation for an away and I think I would've been happier with something easier.
18. Please add additional comments (strengths, weaknesses, miscellaneous tips...)

THANK YOU!

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