

Away Rotation Evaluation Form

1. Specialty: Emergency Medicine
2. Medical School / Hospital: Naval Medical Center San Diego
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? 36 (four 8 hour shifts per week)
5. How many hours per week did you spend with:
 - a. Interns – 2 interns were present each shift, however students do not precept to them
 - b. Residents – 2 residents were present each shift, students precept each case to them
 - c. Fellows – there were no fellows present
 - d. Attendings – 2 attendings were present each shift, some attendings worked closely with students, others did not
6. Did you meet with or work with the Residency Program Director or the Department Chair? Yes, the residency program director was occasionally scheduled for shifts and was very nice and helpful.
7. Which attendings had the greatest influence on your experience? Drs. King and Springer were very helpful and liked to teach. Some others were a little more hands off.
8. What were your daily duties? To perform H&P's and precept with upper year residents. Follow up on patients was highly encouraged and very doable as the census there is very slow. There were ample opportunities to assist with joint

reductions, splinting, and suturing. Students are given a lot of freedom. There is no exam but a 15 minute powerpoint presentation is required during the rotation (although their expectations are very low...it's easy to make a good impression!)

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? Keep a good attitude and work ethic...they know that you're primarily interested in seeing San Diego and will respect that as long as you work diligently while on shift. A lot of the patients are not really sick and are malingering or have overall vague complaints, but that's par for EM anyway.

11. Any warnings or tips on what NOT to do? No, everyone's super friendly but I recommend working hard while on shift. You won't have to do any reading or homework while not on shift AND you get to live expense free in San Diego for a month, so there's no excuse not to have a good attitude.

12. Did you get a letter of recommendation? No, but I didn't ask for one, either (I did not apply to EM)

13. Did this rotation help you get an interview? No, I did not interview for EM but with the military everyone is GUARANTEED an interview.

14. Is housing provided? If not, any recommendations on where to stay? Housing and airfare are provided through the Commercial Travel Office (CTO) and you

will be reimbursed for \$64 a day for food. If you get the opportunity, request to stay at the Naval Amphibious Base on Coronado – Coronado is GORGEOUS and the visitors quarters are nice (each floor even has a lounge with Xbox, free movie rentals, etc).

15. Is parking provided? If not, any recommendations on where to park? Parking is provided however it is impossible to find a spot in the employee parking. Most people rip the parking permits off of their vehicles and park in the patient lot since patients park for free anyway.
16. Who did you contact to set up this rotation? Jesse Lego arranges all of the rotations at NMC SD. I believe his email is jesse.lego@med.navy.mil
17. Would you recommend this rotation to future JMC 4th years? ABSOLUTELY – I was not even interested in EM as a specialty but you can't beat an all expenses paid month long vacation in San Diego. Even when I was scheduled for night shifts I slept on the beach during the day. And with \$64 a day for food you will be able to eat at even the best restaurants in town every night! I recommend completing your TJU ED requirement first so that you'll know everything you need to work in the ED and you can just relax while in San Diego. A major downside to all of the naval EM rotations is that there is no trauma (these are redirected directly to the surrounding hospitals), so you won't get that experience. Naval EM residents have to do away rotations to get their trauma experience...something to think about if you're serious about EM.
18. Please add additional comments (strengths, weaknesses, miscellaneous tips...)

THANK YOU!

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