

## AWAY ROTATION EVALUATION FORM

Specialty: Emergency Medicine

Medical School / Hospital: University of Chicago

Month/Year of Rotation: 7/2006

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

Poor     Fair     Good     Very Good     Excellent

How many hours/week were you on duty? Eighteen shifts that are eight hours each – you will work six of each the following shifts: 7-3pm, 3-11pm, 11-7am. The scheduling is pretty flexible.

How many hours/week did you spend with interns?

Residents?

Fellows?

Attendings?

During your shifts, you will work with the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year resident and then present directly to an attending.

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

If so, any tips?

The residency program has many shifts in the Emergency Department and is very approachable. Dr. Howes is more than happy to offer career advice and how to best achieve your goals. Also, Dr. Howes is very helpful in setting up rotations at other hospitals. Overall, one of the best advisors I have had during medical school.

Which attendings had the greatest influence?

Dr. Howes, Tupesis

What were your daily duties?

You spend eight hours at a time in the Emergency Department for a total of eighteen shifts. During your shift, you will pick up as many patients as you feel comfortable with and present to either the chief resident or the 2<sup>nd</sup> year resident. Afterwards, you will present to the attendings – who are all very friendly and approachable.

Procedures, such as laceration repairs, are very common and medical students are often sought out and the first opportunity at procedures. Any procedures that need to be done for your patient are given to you (no matter how complicated/acute), as their philosophy was “Your patient, your procedure.” Some notable procedures I was able to do were: central lines, laceration repairs, shoulder reductions, transvaginal ultrasound. Along the same lines, as the student you will speak to the consultants and be the primary contact for the admitting team.

Lectures are geared toward medical students and students meet for four hours a week. The lectures are culminated with a final at the end of the rotation. Also, required is a presentation and an observed history and physical. Also offered is the opportunity to ride along in their helicopter with their UCAN service. Completely optional, but one of the strengths of this program and would recommend this wholeheartedly.

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?

At this point, most of you know what to do – just show up on time to all your shifts, be enthusiastic when your working, attend all the lectures, be aggressive with procedures. Be sure to pick the brains of the residents while you are there, since they are very helpful with career advice.

Did this rotation help you get a letter of recommendation?

Students automatically get a letter from the clerkship coordinator Dr. Druelinger. You can try to get one from another attending as well.

Did this rotation help you get a interview?

Hopefully

Any Warnings or Things Not To Do: Nothing out of the ordinary

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

No housing is provided – it is easiest to sublet an apartment in the area.

Is parking provided?

Yes

Who did you contact to set up the rotation?

Contact Becky Torres (btorres@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu)

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

Absolutely recommend this program for any one that is interested in Emergency Medicine – easily the best rotation I had in medical school.

THANK YOU!

(Optional)

Your Name:

Contact Info: