

Away Rotation Evaluation Form

Specialty: **Emergency Medicine**

Medical School / Hospital: **NYU/Bellevue Hospital**

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

Poor Fair Good Very Good Excellent

How many hours per week were you on duty? **There were about 12 shifts (8 hours each). Also, morning report, 8:15-9:00am, 4 days a week which are followed by a 1 hour student lecture. The morning report and student lecture series are required so you are going in every day but it is worth it (see below). Wednesday morning resident conference is also required. You work mainly at Bellevue, but everyone does at least one shift at the private hospital a few blocks up and the VA (great experience, one of the clerkship co-directors works there) a few blocks down. Also, your Bellevue shifts (the main ED and university hospital) will be broken up into Adult ED, 1 overnight, 1-2 peds, and 1-2 urgent care/fast track.**

How many hours per week did you spend with:

Residents – **Presented to attendings and residents each shift.**

Attendings - **Presented to attendings and residents each shift.**

Did you meet with or work with the Residency Program Director or the Department Chair? **Both**

Which attendings had the greatest influence on your experience?

What were your daily duties? **Typical EM rotation.**

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?

Any warnings or tips on what NOT to do?

Did you get a letter of recommendation? – **Yes, there are two clerkship co-directors who split up the letter writing.**

Did this rotation help you get an interview? **Yes – They offered all rotators an interview.**

Is housing provided? If not, any recommendations on where to stay? **No, hopefully you have friends/family in the area or try Craigslist, etc.**

Is parking provided? If not, any recommendations on where to park? **Take the 4, 5, or 6 train (local) to 28th St., walk 4 blocks east. Safety wasn't a concern on the subway line that you take to the hospital. The block or two surrounding the hospital is not unsafe, but use your street smarts.**

Who did you contact to set up this rotation?

http://www.med.nyu.edu/emergency/electives/medical/em_clerkship/

Try to set this rotation up by March, early April at the latest.

Would you recommend this rotation to future JMC 4th years? – **I would highly recommend this rotation to any potential EM applicant who wants to rotate at a “big name” academic EM program or who wants to match in NYC.**

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

This is a county hospital and unlike any hospital in the Jefferson system. There is a shortage of nursing staff and ancillary staff typical of NYC hospitals. You won't push patients to radiology here but students and interns draw all their own labs, start their IVs, dip the urine, etc.

The Chairman is very dedicated to providing care to the underserved and they do a great job of this. Half (my estimate) of the patients do not speak English and while many speak Spanish, you will run into several patients from all over – Senegal, Nepal, Bangladesh, Poland, etc. A translator phone is available and works fairly well.

Morning report is excellent. The NYC Poison Center is one of the best in the world and is run by the Bellevue attendings/toxicologists. The tox faculty are also heavily involved in the residency program and teaching and morning report was one of my most educational experiences in medical school. Despite morning report 4 days a week and conferences on another day, there is still plenty of free time.

You will see less patients due to communication difficulties, lack of ancillary staff, and the controlled chaos of a big city ED. However, it is a great rotation, highly recommended, you will learn a lot. May not be for everyone (i.e. if your ideal hospital is Lankenau).