

AWAY ROTATION EVALUATION FORM

Specialty: Family Medicine

Medical School / Hospital: Brown University School of Medicine / Memorial Hospital
(Pawtucket, RI)

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

Poor Fair Good Very Good Excellent

How many hours per week were you on duty?

35-40

How many hours per week did you spend with:

Interns – 0

Residents – 35-40

Fellows – 0

Attendings – 30-35

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

I was assigned to work with both the Residency Program Director and the Assistant Director.

This was somewhat coincidental as I was on the inpatient service in the mornings and my time at Brown coincided with their on-service weeks.

Which attendings had the greatest influence on your experience?

Rabin Chandran, MD and Julia Taylor, MD were excellent teachers and very welcoming to me.

Dr. Goldstein is the medical director of the family medicine clinic and was also approachable and eager to teach.

What were your daily duties?

Each morning I spent with 2 senior Residents and 2 Attendings. After 8 am morning report, we split into 2 teams and rounded on 2-5 patients who had been admitted to the hospital. Because of the small service size (not unusual for the summer months) and the anticipated nurses' strike, the census was such that I did not have a patient of my own to follow. Instead, I mostly shadowed the Attendings & Residents as we saw patients together. I did not write notes (although I would have if I'd been assigned a patient). However I took it upon myself to follow labs, help with discharge orders & prescriptions, and assist in any way I could. Not much was expected of me at this time except to shadow the team and take in as much as I could – although my input and questions were always welcome and my offers to help with specific tasks as they arose were always met encouragingly. Occasionally, I was asked to look up evidence-based medicine to support or answer a clinical question regarding a patient's case. I usually had an hour between rounds and noon conference – not mandatory, but I went because the lectures were well done and free lunch provided – during which I pulled articles or used the computers in the library. After noon conference, I was assigned to one of the senior residents to help them with their office hours. The residents were always happy to have me shadow them or see the patients myself. The residents were very laidback. I often chose to write notes for them but they were also happy to take care of the note-writing themselves. I was given as much or as little autonomy as I wanted during office hours. Occasionally, I would instead go to one of the nursing homes to see 1-2 patients with one of the residents in the afternoons. My days ended between 3 and 5 pm. There were no evening call or weekend duties.

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?

As with any rotation, be proactive and voice your goals for the rotation from the start. If you want to experience the OB or Ortho aspect of the program you can do so as long as you take the initiative to let the right people know of your interest. Be helpful and offer to be as involved as you can. Find and bring in articles to morning report regarding your cases. Attend the noon conferences. Go to the nursing home at least once. If you find things frustrating or lacking, be sure to speak up (politely and respectfully) as they will take action to help you get what you want out of the rotation while respecting your initiative.

Any tips on what NOT to do?

N/A

Did you get a letter of recommendation?

My LORs were already set at this point, although I'm sure I could receive a LOR if I'd asked. You spend a good amount of time with the Attendings. One of my frustrations with the rotation was that I didn't feel I could "showcase" what I knew since I wasn't doing much active patient care when working with the Attendings. I voice this to the Attendings & Rotation Director who responded positively and helped me "showcase" my clinical strengths in other ways.

Did this rotation help you get an interview?

The Residency Director and my residents assured me that I would get one – though it's too early to know.

Is housing provided? If not, any recommendations on where to stay?

Housing is not provided. I stayed with Mom who is actually hosting 2 of my classmates next month and would be willing to host medical students in the future. She lives about 20-30 minutes away from the hospital.

Is parking provided? If not, any recommendation on where to park?

Parking is provided at a remote lot which has a shuttle that is convenient.

Who did you contact to set up the rotation?

Jane Shaw is your contact at Brown's Family Medicine Department. However, to apply you must do so online through the Brown Website. Linda Bozzario (Linda_Bozzario@brown.edu) is the person who manages the application process.

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

If you are interested in applying to Brown's Family Medicine program, this is an excellent rotation. You get a good idea of both the inpatient and outpatient services. The residents are wonderfully helpful in showing you the hospital & the program. They're always very happy to answer questions. It is an enjoyable and informative 4 weeks.

Please add any other comments (strengths, weaknesses, miscellaneous tips, etc.):

THANK YOU!

(Optional)

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