

Away Rotation Evaluation Form

1. Specialty: Infectious Disease

2. Medical School / Hospital: University of California, Irvine

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? 30

5. How many hours per week did you spend with:

a. Interns: 0

b. Residents: 20

c. Fellows: 30

d. Attendings: 10

6. Did you meet with or work with the Residency Program Director or the Department Chair?
I was on service with the Division Chief of Infectious Disease

7. Which attendings had the greatest influence on your experience?

Infectious Disease faculty, two of whom were on service during my four weeks at UCI. Also worked with ID attendings in the fellow's continuity clinic, which was another great opportunity for learning.

8. What were your daily duties?

Every day: Seeing new consults, following up on consults seen previously; Once a week: seeing patients in continuity clinic (HIV patients and hospital follow up visits)

9. Did this rotation (check one):

Create new interest in the specialty

Reinforce existing interest

Decrease interest

Have no effect

I did this elective to learn more about Infectious Disease, acquire some knowledge about microbiology, and improve my understanding of the use of antibiotics. I'm going into OBGYN, so I wasn't auditioning for this program and meeting residency directors/getting letters was not a priority for me. That said, I definitely could have achieved those goals during this rotation. It was a great learning experience, not stressful at all.

10. Any tips on how to get the most out of this rotation?

Take the initiative in seeing new consults. Read about all of the patients on the service. Attend and present at microbiology rounds. Learn from the ID fellows! They are great.

11. Any warnings or tips on what NOT to do?

12. Did you get a letter of recommendation?

I wasn't looking for one, but I definitely would have felt comfortable asking. You see your own patients and present them at rounds each day with the attending, so you have plenty of interaction with the attending on service. The team is 1-2 4th year med students, 2 fellows, an attending, a pharmacist, and one intern who has chosen to do an ID elective.

13. Did this rotation help you get an interview?

I wasn't looking for an interview in the Department of Medicine, but being out at UCI made it easier to coordinate an interview with the Department of OBGYN.

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

No, housing is not provided, and it's tough to find affordable housing in the area. It's best if you have family/friends in the area.

15. Is parking provided? If not, any recommendations on where to park?

Parking is \$40 at the lot for the hospital.

16. Who did you contact to set up this rotation?

a. Did you use VSAS?

AAMC VSAS and then called the Away Rotation coordinator at UCI. The rotation dates offered in VSAS did not coincide with Jeff's, but the ID department was flexible and allowed me to schedule per Jefferson's Block start/finish dates.

17. When did you apply for the rotation and when did they inform you that you got the rotation?

Applied in February, finalized in May.

18. Were there any special requirements for the rotation (i.e. BLS re-certification, LOR, etc.)?

The requirements were essentially just my grades and comments from available clerkship evaluations.

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

Definitely. It was a great learning experience, not stressful. You work with the ID fellows, and they were eager to teach.

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

The fellows are great – after rounds they would offer to give a short lecture. They were great teachers, always available to discuss patient issues or questions about ID, and never gave out scut work. The rotation is a consult service, so the patient load is generally manageable and you can focus on ID recommendations rather than medical management. Rounds are table rounds with the fellows, the on service attending, an intern, and any 4th yr med students, so it's a great opportunity to learn about patients. Twice a week we went to the microbiology lab to discuss cases with the microbiologists. Clinic once a week was a good opportunity to learn about long term management of HIV patients. ID grand rounds and journal club were once a week, HIV grand rounds and TB grand rounds happen once each month. There is a Medicine noon conference with food every day.