

Away Rotation Evaluation Form

1. Specialty: **Infectious Diseases**
2. Medical School / Hospital: **Massachusetts General Hospital**
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? **40**
5. How many hours per week did you spend with:
 - a. Interns: **5**
 - b. Residents: **5**
 - c. Fellows: **30**
 - d. Attendings: **10**
6. Did you meet with or work with the Residency Program Director or the Department Chair? **Yes**
7. Which attendings had the greatest influence on your experience? **Dr. Stephen Calderwood, Chief of ID**
8. What were your daily duties? **Write up the initial consult and present during afternoon rounds. Research and present an interesting topic every day for rounds.**
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?

- **Absolutely read up on the information from the ID block from 2nd year, especially if you made a table for all the different bacterial / viral diseases.**
- **Try to get somebody to show you the computer system and give you a tour before the rotation starts so you can hit the ground running.**
- **Hone your presentation skills. All the other residents and medical students with whom I interacted were very smooth when presenting.**
- **Read up on your cases so you can ask your residents / attending to add some “color commentary,” other experiences they have had in the best.**

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

- **Don't come in on the weekends unless your resident / attending specifically ask you to. My resident told me that faculty generally frown that because it appears the student is trying too hard to impress everyone.**
- **Don't get overly stressed out – the fellows and faculty were surprisingly relaxed and low key and had reasonable expectations for medical students.**

12. Did you get a letter of recommendation? **Yes**

13. Did this rotation help you get an interview? **No**

14. Is housing provided? If not, any recommendations on where to stay? **No housing is provided. Best bet is to friends / acquaintances if anyone is subletting. There were quite a few listings on Craigslist. The Central Square area is especially affordable as it is two stops away on the same subway line (Red Line) as MGH.**

15. Is parking provided? If not, any recommendations on where to park? **No free parking is provided at MGH. Most parking in Cambridge / Boston is by residential permit only. Your best bet is to leave your car in Philly since public transportation is all you really need.**
16. Who did you contact to set up this rotation? **I followed the instructions on Harvard Medical School's website.**
17. Would you recommend this rotation to future JMC 4th years? **Absolutely.**
18. Please add additional comments (strengths, weaknesses, miscellaneous tips...)
- **Overall a wonderful experience. Make sure you bring your A-game, though. The MGH reputation for excellence is indeed true – the faculty are brilliant, and the interns and residents all perform 1 year above their actual level.**

THANK YOU!

[OPTIONAL]:

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