

Away Rotation Evaluation Form

1. Specialty: Renal, Hypertension, and Electrolytes
2. Medical School / Hospital: University of Pennsylvania/Presbyterian
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? 50
5. How many hours per week did you spend with:
 - a. Interns: 0
 - b. Residents: 0
 - c. Fellows: 40
 - d. Attendings: 20
6. Did you meet with or work with the Residency Program Director or the Department Chair?
Program Director - yes
7. Which attendings had the greatest influence on your experience?
Michael Rudnick (Chief at Presby) and Robert Grossman (Penn)
8. What were your daily duties?
Round on my patients, write notes, spin urines, stay abreast of all patients on service to help get things done after 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?
Work hard, be there early, and be organized. The attendings with whom I worked do not at all depend on you, so it could be easy to get relaxed and not work hard. But, studying each night and showing initiative went a long way with them. As part of the rotation, which goes the Presby, you spend one week on Renal Transplant at PENN. MAKE SURE YOU DO THIS, as it's great exposure, and Dr. Grossman has been there longer than any other player in renal. Also, make friends with the Penn students.... They know where things are, they can help you with the computer system, and they're nice people.
11. Any warnings or tips on what NOT to do?
Do NOT let your guard down! Work hard, and do not let 4th year senioritis kick in. People really are watching you when you're doing an away rotation.
12. Did you get a letter of recommendation?
Yes. Two.

13. Did this rotation help you get an interview?

Absolutely.

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

N/A

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

I don't know.

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

a. Did you use VSAS?

I used VSAS, and actually never heard from them. So, I called them to ask what happened, and as it turned out, there was no room in the original elective for which I'd applied (cardiology). They had neglected to let me know. So, I asked them to let me know what was available, and put me anywhere. I got put on this service, and feel lucky about that.

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

I applied in March, and didn't hear from them until I called them in June.

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

Not that I recall.

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

Absolutely, if you're willing to work hard.

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

THANK YOU!

Please return form to jeffersonAOA@gmail.com.

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