

**AWAY ROTATION EVALUATION FORM**

Specialty: Neurosurgery

Medical School / Hospital: University of Pennsylvania (HUP, CHOP, and Pennsylvania 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? 85-90

How many hours per week did you spend with:

Interns – 2

Residents – 85

Fellows – 1

Attendings – 4

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

Yes, at the end everyone gets a meeting with the chairman.

Which attendings had the greatest influence on your experience?

Dr. Judy, Dr. Zager, Dr. Grady, Dr. Lee

What were your daily duties?

See and present 1-2 ICU patients in the morning, then breakfast =>, then the OR until cases are done (~4-6pm), then round in the afternoon. On call, you will never see a bed, or even sit, but learn a lot from sticking with the resident.

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?

Just put in the time, and when people see you there and get to know you, they will let you do more and teach you.

Any tips on what NOT to do?

Don't talk about long hours, especially to someone who was there pre-hours restriction.

Did you get a letter of recommendation?

Yes.

Did this rotation help you get an interview?

We'll see!

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

No, most visiting students stayed in sublet'd places if they were from far.

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

No, parking is a hassle and almost everyone took public transportation.

Who did you contact to set up the rotation?

Maria Hernandez in the registrar sets up everything. Hard to talk on the phone with them. Better to just email. Then in the office of neurosurgery Jodi DeStefanis is the person to set-up your meeting with Dr. Grady. But do that once you're there.

Would you recommend this rotation to future JMC 4<sup>th</sup> years?

Yes, be prepared to work, but it's great exposure to neurosurgery.

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

If you know the basics they'll let you do a lot in the OR- open, close, drill, etc. So practice your surgery skills (tying) before you go.

THANK YOU!

(Optional)

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