

AWAY ROTATION EVALUATION FORM

Specialty: Pediatric Hematology-Oncology

Medical School / Hospital: UPitt / Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

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

Poor Fair Good Very Good Excellent

How many hours per week were you on duty?

40 hrs/wk out-patient, 65 hrs/wk in-patient on Endo-Heme/Consult/Overflow Service

How many hours per week did you spend with:

Interns – 5 (only on in-patient rounds)

Residents – 10 (only on out-patient service)

Fellows – 65 hrs/wk (only for 1 wk on in-patient service)

Attendings – Always!!!!

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

I met with the Residency program director (very briefly...about 10 min.) to ask about their program and her opinion on other programs.

I worked with the peds heme-onc dept chair when I was in the out-patient clinic.

Which attendings had the greatest influence on your experience?

All my attendings that I worked with were amazing....they included me in discussions, answered my questions, and were just all-around nice people.

Names of attendings that I worked with who you should consider working with if you go out to CHP: Dr. Ritchey, Dr. Wollman, Dr. Cohen, Dr. Shaw, Dr. Orlando

(Most of the others seemed nice too, but I never worked with them directly. Just ask the residents/nurses and they'll tell you which one attending to steer clear of.)

What were your daily duties?

Out-Patient: See patients with the resident, with the attending, or alone. If seeing patients alone, then present to the attending.

In-Patient: Follow several patients (they just let me pick...about 3-4 seemed reasonable to me) and write daily notes. The primary resident team does the real managing. As I worked with the attending ± fellow, I did not have to do any scut work (i.e. discharge papers, make sure orders were done), but got to just learn.

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?

I recommend doing 2 weeks of each, In-Pt and Out-Pt, as it gives a good overview of the field. On the In-patient side, you will get several choices: endo-heme, bmt, 8N (oncology). I would recommend doing endo-heme because then you will spend all day with the attending, get to see heme cases, get to do consults, and also get to see oncology patients that spill over onto other floors. On this service, I got to follow multiple patients from initial diagnosis of cancer to

the start of treatment. Plus, you will not be stuck doing scut work with residents, but instead spend a lot of time learning from your fellows/attendings (=great opportunity for letters). I heard BMT is so complicated that its not worth it. 8N is probably good too, but I'm not sure how much attending contact you will get. But before you decide btwn 8N and Endo-heme, check what attendings are on service and pick accordingly.

Any tips on what NOT to do?

Don't work with the attending that doesn't like med students.

Did you get a letter of recommendation?

Yes.

Did this rotation help you get an interview?

Not sure yet.

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

No (though if you contact the housing ppl, they may have extra dorm space). But 2 attendings (Drs. Squires) host students on away peds electives at their house for free. They are so sweet to do this, and I definitely took them up on their offer.

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

No. But since I lived at the Squires' home, I parked in their driveway and was able to walk to work everyday.

Who did you contact to set up the rotation?

Through the away rotation website. Marlyn Haigh is the student coordinator and is very helpful.

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

YES!!!

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

You'll need a car in Pittsburgh. Be nice to everyone.

THANK YOU!

(Optional)

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