

AWAY ROTATION EVALUATION FORM

Specialty: Ophthalmology

Medical School / Hospital: Columbia -NYPH

Month/Year of Rotation: July 2006

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

Poor Fair Good Very Good Excellent

How many hours/week were you on duty? 50

How many hours/week did you spend with interns? 0

Residents? 45

Fellows? 0

Attendings? 5

Did you meet/work with the Residency Program Director? Yes The Dept Chair? Yes
If so, any tips? The department chair is Stanley Chang, MD and a retina specialist. He does not cover resident clinic, but does see patients and can request to work with him, but as most chairs, has a large entourage. The residency director is not around much since he has two private practice locations around the city.

What were your daily duties?

I would report for morning report at 7:45, then would see clinic patients starting at 8:30 either general or the subspecialty assigned for the day. You can see patients by yourself if you feel comfortable and a room is available, otherwise tag along with residents who are very willing to teach. The day would end around 5:45. No call or weekends, although some students take call once during the rotation. This would be a very limited experience since the new 1st years still don't have a sufficient base to teach much. They may see 1-2 patients per night on call.

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? Did this rotation help you get a letter of recommendation? Or an interview?

Difficult to get letter since there is limited attending interaction unless you do a preceptorship. July unfortunately ends up as the best month since our schedule is one week off from Columbia's schedule.

Any Warnings or Things Not To Do:

Is housing provided for students? If not, where did you stay?

Is parking provided?

No housing, or parking provided. My family lives in the city. Use the train A/C/1 stop right on campus.

Who did you contact to set up the rotation?

Denise Abreu, is the contact person, but use the online application.

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

Interesting learning experience, wide variety of pathology, but long hours make it less desirable.

I think that you also get a good feel for what a small program may be like. It was not for me. I think that it is a valuable learning experience, but residents spent too much time on administrative/secretarial tasks than they would at other locations.

Please add any other comments (strengths, weaknesses of the program):

60% of the patients speak exclusively Spanish, so a big plus if you speak. If you don't I think that this would be one to avoid.

Dr Odel is the neuro-ophthalmologist who you can do a preceptorship with—this would be much a much better option. Usually this is very popular and you need to sign up early. The residency program director is Dr. Braunstein, a cornea specialist, you can also do a preceptorship with him, but will end up spending most of your time with the cornea fellow. Dr Leib is in charge of the medical students, but I only met him once. He is an oculoplastics specialist who likes to pimp.

THANK YOU!

Your Name:

Contact Info: