

AWAY ROTATION EVALUATION FORM

Specialty: Ophthalmology

Medical School / Hospital: Duke University

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

Poor Fair Good Very Good Excellent

How many hours per week were you on duty? 45 (plus or minus)

How many hours per week did you spend with:

Interns – 1

Residents – 2

Fellows – 12

Attendings – 30

Did you meet or work with the Residency Program Director or Dept Chair? Yes, I met and worked with the residency program director.

Which attendings had the greatest influence on your experience?

What were your daily duties? Mostly shadowing. The first week you are at the VA eye clinic, working with Dr. Halabis and the residents. There they let you work up patients on your own. Weeks 2, 3, and 4 are usually in Cornea, Retina, and Glaucoma, but you can be placed in Oculoplastics or Pediatrics if you request. In Peds you shadowing the attendings/fellows (occasionally a resident), and you get some OR time (observing) if you want. In Oculoplastics I took out stitches and watched minor procedures, mostly working with the attendings. In glaucoma and cornea you shadow the attendings (occasionally the fellows), you can also go to the OR if you want to.

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? Do it early to get letters of rec, since you get a lot of attending contact. What you get out of this rotation is basically whatever you want to get out of it. Nobody is really keeping much track of you, so it's up to you how aggressive you want to be. You can go to what you want, or skip what you want.

Any tips on what NOT to do? No

Did you get a letter of recommendation? No, I did it in October, so it was too late to get one

Did this rotation help you get an interview? Yes

Is housing provided? If not, any recommendations on where to stay? No. Once you get accepted, the Duke Visiting Student Coordinator e-mails you a list of (random) people you can contact. I just posted an ad on Craigs List and found housing that way.

Is parking provided? If not, any recommendation on where to park? Parking is available but it is not free (ranges from \$6/month to \$50/month, depending on which lot you park in)

Who did you contact to set up the rotation? There's a website that is dedicated to visiting students - http://medschool.duke.edu/modules/som_registrar/index.php?id=13. There's an application to fill out and a lot of extras (write an essay, sending your CV, transcript and photos, etc).

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

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

The attendings, on a whole, were very friendly and very comfortable having a medical student around, so take advantage of your opportunities to spend time with the attendings. The program director is a glaucoma specialist, so try to work with him (either in glaucoma clinic or the OR). There is morning resident lecture at 7 am that you can attend, and grand rounds/guest lectures later in the day (5 or 6 pm) at least once a week. None of that is officially required, though. There is a 25 question test at the end of the rotation, but it's not something to stress over. You are required to take call with the residents "at least once a week" but it is home call and I never actually got called in. The environment at Duke was extremely pleasant and everyone was really nice, so enjoy it.

THANK YOU!

(Optional)

Your Name:

Contact Info: