

## AWAY ROTATION EVALUATION FORM

Specialty: Orthopaedic Surgery

Medical School / Hospital: University of Michigan

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? 60-70

How many hours/week did you spend with interns? None

Residents? 60-70

Fellows? No Fellows

Attendings? 25-30

Did you meet/work with the Residency Program Director?

He was on another service (Trauma), so I didn't work with him.

The Dept Chair? I was on his service for two weeks, and I devoted one entire week to working with him.

If so, any tips?

Try to work with one of the two and spend your time wisely – try to get a good mix of OR time and then office hours (face) time.

What were your daily duties?

Pre-rounding not required. Rounded with the entire team (when on Joints) and then went to daily morning Conferences. Scrubbed in the OR most days with the senior residents. Office hours twice a week. Also attended student-only sessions with one attending reviewing films, practicing casting techniques, etc. Met once weekly with retired chairman to present cases and discuss topics of our choice – very helpful.

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?

Be yourself. Don't try to overdo it – you'll end up looking like a fool. Read when you can and definitely know anatomy, approach, and exposure of the cases you scrub on. I got two letters and an interview out of this rotation. One attending offered a letter; I asked for the other one (chairman).

Any Warnings or Things Not To Do:

Be prepared, subtle, quiet, but always available. Like I said, don't overdo it; they can tell when you're trying too hard.

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

Is parking provided?

I didn't need a car because I found a sublet within walking distance. They have housing available (check their website), but I found a place on craigslist.

Who did you contact to set up the rotation?

Cindy Murphy

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

Absolutely, especially if you're from the Midwest and want to go back there. It's an incredible program at a huge world-renowned academic center.

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

-6 residents/class

-Big academic center with good trauma

-lots of time devoted to conferences, residents are well read, heavily involved in research, attending expected residents to back up decisions with evidence

-Very well represented in all areas including peds and onc

-Sports is their strongest field

-Chiefs and 4's operate all the time, 2's run floor a lot it seemed to me

-Night float system, 3 on Sun thru Thurs night, chiefs take call at home

-Residents operate at a couple hospitals/surgery centers in the area

-Residents seemed very happy after intern year

-Must have a car as a resident

-Ann Arbor is more than just a college town, but still not a city

-Overall, I think UofM has a good balance btw strong academics and enough volume to develop sound skills

THANK YOU!

(Optional)

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