

Away Rotation Evaluation Form

1. Specialty: Otolaryngology

2. Medical School / Hospital: Mount Sinai, New York, NY

3. How would you rate your overall experience? (check one)
 Poor Fair Good Very Good Excellent

4. How many hours per week were you on duty? 40

5. How many hours per week did you spend with:

a. Interns: 10

b. Residents: 40

c. Fellows: 2

d. Attendings: 8

6. Did you meet with or work with the Residency Program Director or the Department Chair?

The program director was just returning from maternity leave when I rotated at Sinai. I met with her informally, but did not get to operate with her as I heard student rotating in other months we allowed to do.

7. Which attendings had the greatest influence on your experience?

Dr. Genden, the Chairman, was amazing. I had the opportunity to shadow him in his clinic and work alongside him in the OR. He is young, energetic, professional, and friendly. Dr. Smouha, the otologist, allowed me to scrub in and assist under the microscope, something I was not allowed to do at Jefferson.

8. What were your daily duties?

The rotation was very relaxed. I was not expected to write on patients in the morning, unless Dr. Genden was rounding, in which case I wrote on, and presented one patient. Otherwise, I was in the OR for three weeks. The other week, I was at Elmherst, a Sinai affiliate in Queens. There I saw patients in the clinic, something that doesn't happen at Jefferson, was able to suction ears and remove foreign bodies, in addition to operating two days.

9. Did this rotation (check one):

Create new interest in the specialty

Reinforce existing interest

Decrease interest

Have no effect

10. Any tips on how to get the most out of this rotation?

Be sure to round on a patient for Chairman's rounds. Try to get the articles ahead of time for journal club. Go to office hours with Dr. Genden as often as you can. Go to the OR, try to operate with Smouha, Teng, and Genden.

11. Any warnings or tips on what NOT to do?

Do not try to see patients every morning; the residents will be put off.

12. Did you get a letter of recommendation?

I did ask Dr. Genden for a letter, although it took a few months for him to get it in. He is an extremely busy man.

13. Did this rotation help you get an interview?

I did get in interview at Sinai, although I may have been offered the interview without rotating there.

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

I'm not sure, my feeling is no. I had prior arrangements.

15. Is parking provided? If not, any recommendations on where to park?

You do not need a car in NYC. Leave it at home.

16. Who did you contact to set up this rotation?

There is a form to complete, available on the Mount Sinai website.

a. Did you use VSAS? This was not offered for Sinai.

17. When did you apply for the rotation and when did they inform you that you got the rotation?

I applied in early March, and received notification March 31st.

18. Where there any special requirements for the rotation (i.e. BLS re-certification, LOR, etc.)?

There were no special requirements; you just have to complete the form.

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

Yes, especially if you want to be in NYC at an operatively heavy program.

20. Please add additional comments (strengths, weaknesses, miscellaneous tips...)

THANK YOU!

Please return form to jeffersonAOA@gmail.com.

[OPTIONAL]:

Your name:

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