

Away Rotation Evaluation Form

1. Specialty: Otolaryngology

2. Medical School / Hospital: New York University

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? Approximately 60 hrs (no weekends)

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

a. Interns: 10

b. Residents: 60

c. Fellows: 20

d. Attendings: 40

6. Did you meet with or work with the Residency Program Director or the Department Chair? Yes, I worked with Dr. Lalwani on one or two occasions and then had the opportunity to meet with him for about a half an hour at the end of the rotation (the meeting was set up by me, not automatic).

7. Which attendings had the greatest influence on your experience? Dr. Watts, who essentially runs the ENT program at the clinic hospital, made himself extremely available to all students from day 1 of the rotation. He loves having students in the OR, is a great teacher, reads all student notes from the clinic, provides one-on-one feedback, and was happy to write a LOR. Dr. Myssiorek, a head and neck attending, was also very cognizant of students in the OR and willing to talk and teach.

8. What were your daily duties? Report for rounds anywhere from 6-7:30 AM, depending on the census. The ENT residents do no pre-round at NYU, and students are not allowed to write in the charts; so students need not see patients prior to formal rounding. During rounds, you can be of assistance by locating charts, finding and reporting vitals to the resident writing the note, and assisting in the exam and care of the patients (i.e. suctioning trach stomas, removing JP drains, etc.). It is also helpful to fill your white coat with suture removal kits, gauze, alcohol pads, tongue depressors, etc. so that no one has to run around and find things when they are needed. Residents were very good about giving students a heads-up regarding the next day's cases and encouraged pre-reading. While in the OR, students scrub on bigger cases and may have the opportunity to assist. Oftentimes, the cases are non-invasive and students observe un-scrubed. Your four week rotation is split into 2 weeks at the private hospital, Tisch, and 2 weeks at the clinic hospital, Bellevue. When at Bellevue, students spend a few half days in the clinic where they are given their own room to see patients. Students take histories and perform full physical exams, including flexible nasopharyngolaryngoscopy, write notes, and then present to a precepting attending. At the end of the Bellevue portion of the rotation, you are required to give a 10 minute presentation to Dr. Watts and the residents (very informal, most create handouts, but no one uses power point).

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? Pre-read for a little while each night and meet as much of the faculty as possible.

11. Any warnings or tips on what NOT to do? No

12. Did you get a letter of recommendation? Yes

13. Did this rotation help you get an interview? Yes, although they explicitly say that not every student who rotates at NYU gets an interview.

14. Is housing provided? If not, any recommendations on where to stay? No. I stayed with my girlfriend in Hoboken and commuted in each day by car (15 mins in, about 45 mins home). The NYU campus is located along 1st Ave between approximately 27th and 34th streets.

15. Is parking provided? If not, any recommendations on where to park? I paid for parking at the Bellevue hospital- it cost \$140 for the month.

16. Who did you contact to set up this rotation? I contacted Dieann Sangster, the ENT program coordinator, at 212-263-6344 to inquire about openings. I obtained contact info, as well as the official NYU visiting student application, via the On-Line Extramural Electives Compendium (linked on the VSAS website).

a. Did you use VSAS? Only to get to the On-Line Extramural Electives Compendium

17. When did you apply for the rotation and when did they inform you that you got the rotation? I applied in May and was informed roughly a week after I applied.

18. Were there any special requirements for the rotation (i.e. BLS re-certification, LOR, etc.)? Standard away requirements- immunization records (**including hep B and rubella titers** that I did not initially have), proof of insurance, proof of completion of core clinical courses. There is also a \$100 registration fee.

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

20. Please add additional comments (strengths, weaknesses, miscellaneous tips...) Not much will be asked of you since you will not be pre-rounding, writing in-patient notes, or presenting, so it is important to show enthusiasm, take initiative during rounds to actively help residents, and write thorough notes in the clinic in order to show what you are capable of.

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