

Away Rotation Evaluation Form

1. Specialty: Otolaryngology

2. Medical School / Hospital: University of Pennsylvania/Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

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? 10 to 18 depending on the OR schedule. Most days 10 to 12. A few free flap days much longer.

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

a. Interns: very few

b. Residents: all the time

c. Fellows: usually one fellow in the OR at all times

d. Attendings: lot of direct contact both in OR and in the various attending clinics

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

Met with, spent time in the OR with and spent time in clinic with both. Both were very interested in the medical students.

7. Which attendings had the greatest influence on your experience? Dr. Kenedy, Dr. Chiu, Dr. Chalian and Dr. O'Malley.

8. What were your daily duties? Depends on the service. On sinus/oto service team rounded together and med students were told not to pre-round or write notes. Most of the day was spent in the OR or clinic depending on the OR schedule. On slower days I went to the VA and CHOP to experience those sites. On head/neck med students pre-rounded to get vitals on all patients but did not write notes. Team rounded together and students would read vitals to the team and the residents would write the note. The rest of the time was in the OR – it is a very busy service, with a huge volume of cases. There were opportunities to spend time in clinic with the attendings as well.

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? Work hard, show interest, do a good job presenting patients in clinic and read about topics you will encounter the next day in the OR.

Many of the attendings did ask anatomy and clinical questions in the OR – the questions were at an appropriate level and they expected you to know the answers.

11. Any warnings or tips on what NOT to do? Show up late or complain about the long hours.

12. Did you get a letter of recommendation? Yes – they write a letter from the Chair and Program Director. Dr. O’Malley (the chair) is very well known and respected in the field and a good letter from him can be very beneficial.

13. Did this rotation help you get an interview? Yes, they interview most students who do an away rotation.

14. Is housing provided? If not, any recommendations on where to stay? No housing provided.

15. Is parking provided? If not, any recommendations on where to park? No parking – it is pretty expensive to park at Penn every day (\$13 per day).

16. Who did you contact to set up this rotation? Penn office of admissions website – very easy to navigate through the application. You had to submit a CV and board scores to be considered for the rotation.

a. Did you use VSAS? No

17. When did you apply for the rotation and when did they inform you that you got the rotation? I applied in late spring and they notified me less than a month before it started.

18. Where there any special requirements for the rotation (i.e. BLS re-certification, LOR, etc.)? No.

19. Would you recommend this rotation to future JMC 4th years? Yes – Penn is a great program and a letter from them is a boost to your application.

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

THANK YOU!

Please return form to jeffersonAOA@gmail.com.

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Your name:

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