

AWAY ROTATION EVALUATION FORM

Specialty: *Med - Peds*

Medical School / Hospital: *Rush University (Chicago)*

Month/Year of Rotation: May 2005

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

Poor Fair Good Very Good Excellent

How many hours/week were you on duty? 40

How many hours/week did you spend with interns? 20

Residents? 20

Fellows? 0

Attendings? 30

Did you meet/work with the Residency Program Director? Yes. The Dept Chair? No.
If so, any tips?

The Med-Peds program director (Dr. Rossi) is one of the four Med-Peds Attendings that you work with. She is incredibly nice and willing to teach. She has a background of research, so she is very much an advocate of evidence-based learning. Your time with her is well spent.

What were your daily duties?

This is mostly an outpatient rotation. You work at Rush's Med-Peds clinic, so you see patients solely from that practice, which is where their residents spend all of their ambulatory time, as opposed to many other programs where you spend your ambulatory time split between two different dedicated Medicine and Pediatrics practices.

Since I was a visiting student, I asked to spend a week on the inpatient side to get a better feel for their hospital system. They were very accommodating to my request, and I actually spent my time rounding with one of the attendings who was on service and covering both medicine and pediatrics patients. One of the disadvantages was that since they have their own students rotating through medicine and peds, I was often double-teaming a patient.

In addition, you do two projects while you are at Rush. One is a quality improvement project, where you do a chart review or formulate a checklist, etc. to help make their practice better in ways you would like to. The other is to develop one of the ambulatory conferences that they use, which includes a series of cases and articles discussing outpatient topics.

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?

I did get a letter of recommendation from this program. I did not ultimately apply to Med-Peds, although this was not because of my experiences at this rotation. If anything, this rotation made my choice much harder because I loved it so much.

Any Warnings or Things Not To Do: Just be yourself! The “things not to do” are just the “things not to do” for any rotation.

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

Is parking provided?

There is no housing provided for students. I stayed with a friend in the city. They also do not provide any parking.

Who did you contact to set up the rotation?

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

Yes, I had a great experience. I wanted to try out living in Chicago, and this is the only program there that offers a med-peds rotation, although there are a total of five or six in the city.

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

Strengths: The faculty and residents are incredibly nice and easy to get along with.

Weaknesses: I didn't get as great a feel for the individual medicine and pediatrics departments as I would have liked. Also, although they did well with encouraging you to read, they could have still used evidence-based medicine on more of a daily basis.

THANK YOU!

(Optional)

Your Name:

Contact Info: