

AWAY ROTATION EVALUATION FORM

Specialty:     *Surg Onc/Endo*    

Medical School / Hospital:     *UPenn*    

Month/Year of Rotation:     November 2005    

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

Poor     Fair     Good     Very Good     Excellent

How many hours/week were you on duty?     100 - 110    

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

Residents?     100    

Fellows?     0    

Attendings?     90    

Did you meet/work with the Residency Program Director? No. The Dept Chair? No.

If so, any tips? Had a nice exit interview with the attending whom I worked with (Vice-Chair of Surgery) so didn't think the other meetings were necessary.

What were your daily duties? Note writing. Then in the OR all day with the attending (I was assigned to one attending, Dr Fraker, who is awesome) and the chief resident. The resident and I would open and close the cases and Fraker would come in for the important parts (he would always have 2 rooms running simultaneously).

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? This is a terrific rotation – but you need to expect long hours and hard work.

Did this rotation help you get a letter of recommendation? I got an “in house” recommendation letter – it was too late to add a letter to my main ERAS packet. But Fraker offered to write a letter and make any phone calls for me that I desired.

Or an interview? I definitely got an interview and they seemed more friendly than they would have been otherwise (if I was an unknown).

Any Warnings or Things Not To Do: As a Jefferson medical student, be prepared for a little teasing/razzing about Jefferson since you are at Penn.

Is housing provided for students? No. If not, where did you stay? Home.

Is parking provided? Not sure.

Who did you contact to set up the rotation? There is a website for visiting medical students. The office at Penn did not send out confirmation until the last minute, so unlike other rotations, this one was not confirmed until mid-summer (regardless of when the application was delivered).

Would you recommend this rotation for future JMC 4th years? If you are genuinely interested in UPenn, I would highly recommend this rotation. Also, Fraker is a great person and a dynamic and talented surgeon. I felt that I learned much in terms of manual skills, great case exposure, and good clinic experience as well. And they definitely like me a lot now, since I fit in with the residents and the staff very well, which I think will help me a lot in the interview/application process. After being there, they seemed very interested in me.

Please add any other comments (strengths, weaknesses of the program): Penn is a great operative residency. It is one of my top choices. The residents get to operate from the intern year on (albeit with a gradually increasing level of case complexity). The residents work hard and long hours, but seem satisfied with their jobs and very competent. This morale of this program is good, but that may be one of the weaknesses of this program – the spirits and esprit de corp is ok, but not fantastic. But other than that, this is a top notch operative training program.

THANK YOU!

(Optional)

Your Name:

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