

AWAY ROTATION EVALUATION FORM

Specialty: Transplant Surgery

Medical School / Hospital: Duke University

Month/Year of Rotation: August 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

How many hours/week did you spend with interns? 30

Residents? 30

Fellows? 40

Attendings? 80

Did you meet/work with the Residency Program Director? Yes. The Dept Chair? No. If so, any tips? These meetings are like trial interviews. They seem casual, but I think they count for more.

What were your daily duties? Writing notes. Seeing patients. Following up on floor work. This rotation ended up being more medicine and less surgery than most surgical rotations

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? There were too many SubIs on this rotation. They stated at the end that this would not happen again. It was an organizational error.

Did this rotation help you get a letter of recommendation? Yes – I got a very nice recommendation letter. Or an interview? Yes, but I turned it down which was perhaps not a good idea politically.

Any Warnings or Things Not To Do: Just the obvious stuff. Duke is very formal, so go there prepared to tie 2-handed knots and to not be very active in the operating room (or at least that was my experience)

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

Is parking provided? Yes.

Who did you contact to set up the rotation? There is a “Visiting medical student” website that has all the necessary forms, which are pretty standard at most places.

Would you recommend this rotation for future JMC 4th years? I found that the environment was not for me, but that is a valuable lesson to learn before you end up there for many years. I think most programs are about fit, and this did not fit with me. But others may want to try it out for themselves.

Please add any other comments (strengths, weaknesses of the program): I was not impressed by the operative experience and skills of the residents. It seemed as though residents do not get to operate until the higher years, by which time they are gunshy of the OR. Take this with a grain of salt because transplant is a service with very few “lower level” procedures. But the overall feel of the program was a little too formal for me without enough operative teaching and experience.

THANK YOU!

(Optional)

Your Name:

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