

AWAY ROTATION EVALUATION FORM

Specialty: Urology

Medical School / Hospital: **University of Pittsburgh Medical Center**

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

Poor Fair Good Very Good Excellent

How many hours per week were you on duty?

80

How many hours per week did you spend with:

Interns –

Residents –

Fellows –

Attendings –

This is the usual surgical rotation where you spend most of your time with the residents, see patients in the AM with the residents/intern and go to surgery all day with Resident and attendings.

Did you meet or work with the Residency Program Director or Dept Chair?

Yes to both, the chair (Dr. Nelson) wrote me a letter. Dr. Nelson is VERY intense in the OR and only allows the chief to scrub in with him. The student is expected to attend and watch the surgery on the monitor from a helmet-camera. You will be mercilessly quizzed on anatomy, so know it cold before entering the OR.

Which attendings had the greatest influence on your experience?

Dr. Hrebinko – very kind to medical students and lets you do quite a bit in the OR. Often, the resident would scrub out while I closed with the attending.

What were your daily duties?

Mornings are kinder, gentler: No pre-rounding, so you only need to arrive about 20 minutes prior to rounding with the team so you can gather vitals and labs. Next, you round with the team and are expected to write the daily progress note during this time. You go to the OR for the bulk of the day and will close the wound. Afterwards, you take care of any remaining business and leave (6-7 pm). No call. 1 weekend AM. You will travel b/w three hospitals and your duties will vary depending the hospital.

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?

Know your anatomy for Dr. Nelson's surgeries and don't be scared to ask for a letter, he's actually very nice outside the OR. Occasionally, a surgery will be uncovered by a resident, the attendings are appreciative of the help and you'll get to do quite a bit.

Any tips on what NOT to do?

Did you get a letter of recommendation?

Yes, in Urology the letter from the chair is important. The only exposure to Dr. Nelson is in the OR and you'll have to know your anatomy. Make an appt with Dr. Nelson toward the end of your rotation, bring your CV.

Did this rotation help you get an interview?

UPMC policy is to give interviews to any visiting student.

Is housing provided? If not, any recommendations on where to stay?

No

Is parking provided? If not, any recommendation on where to park?

Yes

Who did you contact to set up the rotation?

See their website for visiting medical students

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

Yes

Please add any other comments (strengths, weaknesses, miscellaneous tips, etc.):

THANK YOU!

(Optional)

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