

Basic Core 2 at UH/VA is composed of four 4-week rotations in each of the following areas: Pediatrics, OB/Gyn, Psychiatry and Neurology.

There is a longitudinal out-patient Pediatrics clinic that runs throughout the 16 week block. Didactics are discipline specific and held during each for the 4 week blocks. Call varies during each of the four week blocks (please see individual four week block descriptions). Students will receive separate grades for each of the four disciplines.

## **NEUROSCIENCE**

### **Objectives**

1. Be able to perform a complete neurological examination
2. Recognize and interpret abnormal findings on the neurological examination
3. Identify and provide the rationale for the region of the nervous system that is affected given specific symptoms and clinical findings from the neurological exam
4. Obtain exposure to wide range of diseases and conditions affecting the nervous system and the different subspecialties that manages them
5. Become familiar with the diagnosis and presentation of common neurological problems and symptom complexes

### **Clinical Experience**

Students generally spend one week on the UH Neurology Consult service, one week on the Neurosurgery service at UH, and two weeks on the UH Neurology Inpatient Service. Students assigned to the VA Neurology service spend three weeks seeing a mix of Neurology consults and inpatients, and spend one week on the Neurosurgery service at UH. Students are asked to stay late "on-call" with the Neurology residents at least once a week, in order to gain further exposure to neurological emergencies. There is no overnight call. Weekend rounding responsibilities vary depending on the service.

Students are also assigned to a weekly afternoon outpatient Neurology experience, where they see patients in clinic with a faculty neurologist.

### **Didactics/Teaching Conferences**

On Thursday afternoons, students discuss assigned clinical vignettes with Neurology faculty from 1-3pm. Students will receive a schedule and vignette assignments at their orientation. Immediately following didactics, students meet from 3-4pm for lectures given by the Neurosurgery faculty. On most Thursdays, the afternoon concludes with a teaching conference (Morbidity and Mortality, Clinicopathologic Conference, etc.) from 4-5pm, attended by Neurology and Neurosurgery faculty, residents, and students.

On Fridays, students meet with the Clerkship Director from 12-12:50pm. On the first and third Friday, students are encouraged to present cases from their experiences on service. The second and fourth Friday sessions are reserved for rotation feedback, with discussion of clinical cases if time remains.

### **Evaluation**

Students are asked to send two requests for feedback each week to their senior residents and attending neurologists. They are also encouraged to send requests for feedback to the neurosurgery residents and faculty, and their outpatient clinic faculty. Students' grades will be based on this feedback, as well as feedback from didactic instructors and the Clerkship Director. There is not a separate written examination at the conclusion of the Clinical Neuroscience Rotation.

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## **PSYCHIATRY**

Students in Block 2 at UH/VA will either complete the Psychiatry portion of the block at University Hospitals of Cleveland or at the Brecksville VA Hospital. Requests for location can be made, but it cannot be guaranteed the student will get his or her choice.

At UH, students will be assigned to an in-patient unit or the consult-liaison team for the whole four week block. This primary clinical experience is augmented in a number of ways, exposing students to other clinical settings during the clerkship. Students take call approximately once per week from 5pm -11pm, covering the ER and emergency consults that arise with the resident on call. Students also come in 1-2 weekend mornings during the month. Each student has 1/2 day in an ambulatory setting, some of which are child psychiatry settings.

At the Brecksville VA, students are assigned to an in-patient unit for the four week clerkship. Students follow their patients and report directly to the attending psychiatrist, their patients are not also assigned to a psychiatry resident. There are no on call or weekend requirements."

Psych Didactics include:

- Mental Status Exam
- Suicide and Violence Risk Assessment
- Dx & Tx of Personality Disorder
- Dx & Tx of Anxiety Disorder
- Dx & Tx of Mood Disorders
- Sleep Issues
- ADHD- Child Psychiatry Topics
- Psycho Pharmacology Review
- Schizophrenia and Antipsychotic Medications
- Delirium and Dementia

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## **PEDIATRICS**

The Pediatrics component of Block II at UH is divided into (1) inpatient pediatrics, (2) newborn nursery and (3) outpatient clinic.

Each student will spend 3 weeks assigned to one of three **inpatient ward services** at Rainbow babies and Children's Hospital. Each of these teams covers general pediatric admissions as well as subspecialty patients; the subspecialty representation varies from one service to another. Students take short call (i.e. not overnight) one weeknight per week, one overnight Saturday call, and one Sunday call during the month. Students will work under the supervision of attending staff and residents. A "teaching attending" will meet with each services pair of students over the course of the month to monitor the student's progress. Students meet in small group sessions with a "teaching senior resident" 4 times per week for case-based tutorials.

Students spend one week in the newborn nursery at MacDonald Women's Hospital. There is no call during this week. Students work under the supervision of neonatologists and pediatric residents to conduct daily nursery rounds, talk with parents and attend deliveries.

Students spend one afternoon per week throughout the 16 week block in ½ day Pediatric continuity clinic. In most cases, students will work with the same faculty preceptor throughout the block. A few students will rotate through the primary care practice at RB&C Hospital, but most students will rotate through community based practices.

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