

ADOLESCENT MEDICINE

Credit: Selective B or Elective

Location: Children's Hospital of Los Angeles

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Applications will be accepted beginning March 1st of Year III on a first-come, first-serve basis

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REPORT TO: CHLA, Teenage Health Center at 9 a.m.

PREREQUISITE: Pediatrics Clerkship

DURATION: 4 or 6 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All Year

Rotations are scheduled: to begin any Monday

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 1

VISITING STUDENTS: No

DESCRIPTION:

Clinical care will be provided in various settings serving adolescents including the Teenage Health Center at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Job Corps and High Risk Youth Clinic at Los Angeles Free Clinic. Core didactic sessions review important areas of adolescent health care. Medical and psychosocial adolescent rounds will be made each Friday involving important medical issues of adolescent health care. There will be a weekly session with the divisional psychologist to learn about interview techniques and adolescent psychosocial development. Subspecialty teaching conferences including gynecology and dermatology will be held once a month.

EVALUATION:

No formal written or oral tests given. Student's performance is assessed by the faculty who work with them as for their effort, proficiency and behavior. All the staff will evaluate the individual student and the preceptor will summarize the overall performance in the student evaluation form. Students who have problems will be counseled as needed.

***Selective Attendance and Illness Policy**

In order to insure adequate clinical exposure, no more than 3 days of excused absences (to include official Holidays) can be accepted during a selective. This policy does not imply that absences are guaranteed; absences may be excused at the discretion of the faculty. Absence due to illness must be reported to the faculty or his/her designee as soon as possible. In case of extended absence (2 days or more), a note from a physician (who is not a relative) is required and the absence will be reported to the Office of Student Affairs. A physician note may be requested for any absence, at the discretion of the faculty.

Students will generally be required to make up days before a passing grade can be assigned. All absences must be excused and any planned absence must be registered with the preceptor prior to the first day of the selective. Students should take vacation time if he/she anticipates a need for more than 3 absences during a selective. USMLE and BLS/ACLS will not be considered excused absences.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to:

1. Describe the important aspects of interviewing adolescents and demonstrate the ability to elicit this information.
2. Discuss basic physical and emotional growth and development of the adolescent period.
3. Perform competent pelvic examinations.
4. Assess the adolescent's need for contraception and provide appropriate contraception as needed.
5. Diagnose and treat common medical problems that affect adolescents including menstrual disorders, sexually transmitted diseases, abdominal pain, fatigue, headaches and acne.