

Clerkship Title: AUTOPSY PATHOLOGY

Location: LAC + USC Medical Center

Credit Level: Selective C or Elective

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Length of time: 4 or 6 weeks
Dates offered: All year
Number of students: 2
Visiting students from other US medical schools? n/a
Prerequisites: Year II Pathology course

Place and time to report on first day: GNH 2520 at 9:00 a.m.

Textbooks/Availability:

- Chandrasoma & Taylor, Concise Pathology

Goals/Description:

- Students will be given a broad overview of pathology (anatomic) through observance and performance of autopsies, including pediatric, forensic, and general medical and surgical cases. This will be supplemented by attendance at regular daily scheduled pathology conferences, reading and by literature review.

Activities and Supervision:

- Students will observe and perform autopsies under the supervision of the staff pathologists.
- Gross and microscopic pathological findings will be correlated with clinical findings and discussed with the staff pathologists. Also, clinico- pathologic correlation will be emphasized through learning to abstract patient medical records and through conferences with clinical staff.
- Students will also have the opportunity to participate in research projects leading to possible scientific publication.

Evaluation:

- Student performance will be rated primarily upon regular attendance and active participation. Students are not expected to be able to make all possible gross and microscopic diagnoses, but only to understand and apply basic pathologic concepts learned in Year II pathology, using basic working knowledge of anatomy and histology.