

CARDIOLOGY

Credit: Selective B

Location: Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center

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

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PREREQUISITE: Medicine I Clerkship

DURATION: 4 or 6 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All Year

Rotation scheduled: to begin any Monday (1st of the month is preferred)

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 4-6

VISITING STUDENTS: No

DESCRIPTION:

The cardiology elective is a mostly hands-on experience for the students where they participate in the direct care of cardiac patients; this is done both on in-patients as well as in ambulatory clinics. Students get to consult on other services for cardiac complications. The lectures provide core knowledge and understanding of the diagnostic tests available and how the management strategies are to be developed. The students may also gain skills in cardiac auscultation, interpretation of test results to come to a diagnosis and to assess the progress of patients.

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 management of common cardiovascular problems.
2. Apply diagnostic tests properly.
3. Perform a satisfactory cardiac history and physical examination.
4. Discuss routine tests (e.g. EKG, echocardiograms, stress tests, cardiac catheterization) and cardiac surgical procedures.
5. Describe the appropriate use of clinical laboratory tests.
6. Describe the appropriate use of cardiovascular drugs.

SUPERVISION:

100% Faculty