

ENDOCRINOLOGY / DIABETES

Credit: Selective B or Elective

Location: LAC + USC 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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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate skills required to evaluate patients with endocrine disease.
2. Discuss appropriate use of commonly prescribed medications in patients with diabetes, thyroid disease and other endocrine disorders.
3. Describe the performance, use and interpretation of special diagnostic methods employed in the evaluation and follow-up of patients with endocrine disease.
4. Describe the diagnosis and management of patients with endocrine disorders.
5. Describe the basic mechanisms of normal and abnormal physiology in the broad area of endocrinology.

REPORT TO: Contact preceptor

PREREQUISITE: Medicine I Clerkship

DURATION: 4 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All Year

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 2

VISITING STUDENTS: No

DESCRIPTION:

The students will have major responsibility for endocrine patients seen in consultation. They will participate in teaching rounds, clinics and the many conferences and lectures given in the section. Special attention and time will be given to the student by the endocrine faculty in order to learn specialized testing and approach to the patient. Students will be encouraged to take ward consults under supervision of the resident and clinical fellow and will be given maximal responsibility toward patients commensurate with student's ability.

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.