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

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**REPORT TO:** Diagnostic & Treatment Tower, 4th Floor, Room 414 at 8:00 a.m.

**PREREQUISITE:** MS IV only

**DURATION:** 4 or 6 weeks

**DATES OFFERED:** All Year  
Rotations scheduled: to begin any Monday

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS:** 4

**VISITING STUDENTS:** Yes

**DESCRIPTION:**
The rotation will teach the student to obtain a history and to perform a competent physical examination so that a diagnosis of common GI disorders may be achieved with the aid of well chosen investigative procedures. The student will participate as an observer in the performance of some procedures and will be given the opportunity of performing certain investigations him/herself. Also, he/she will participate in clinical discussions with staff.

**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 basic mechanisms of normal and abnormal physiology in the broad area of gastroenterology.
2. Demonstrate skills required to evaluate patients with GI and biliary disease.
3. Discuss appropriate use of commonly prescribed medications in patients with alterations in liver function.
4. Describe the performance, use and interpretation of special diagnostic methods employed in the evaluation and follow-up of patients with liver disease.
5. Describe the diagnosis and management of patients with acute and chronic liver failure.