

HEMATOLOGY

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

DIRECTOR:

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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate increased skills in internal medicine through the careful evaluation and follow-up of selected patients with hematologic manifestations of disease under the close supervision of fellows and staff of the Hematology Division.
2. Demonstrate increased basic science knowledge of hematology.

COORDINATOR:

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REPORT TO: GNH 14-420 at 8:30 a.m.

PREREQUISITE: MS IV only

DURATION: 4 to 6 weeks

SUPERVISION:

50% Faculty

50% Fellows

DATES OFFERED: All Year

Rotations scheduled: to begin any Monday

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 4

VISITING STUDENTS: Yes

DESCRIPTION:

Students will be assigned to the Consultative Service and will work up two patients per week and see selected patients in the hematology clinics under the direct supervision of fellows and faculty. Students will review blood, bone marrow and lymph node morphology, will do blood smears and bone marrows. Students will attend Consult Service rounds four times per week. Students will attend General Hematology Clinics (Thursday mornings) and Heme Malignancy Clinic (Tuesday afternoons), both held at LAC+USC OPD 4P21. There will be two one-hour seminars per week on Monday and Tuesday, held at General Hospital, room 14-441. Students will attend Hematology Case Conference (Thursday afternoons) held at Norris Cancer Hospital topping tower 7th floor Conference room and Hematology Grand Rounds (Friday Mornings) held at General Hospital, room 14-441.

EVALUATION:

Specific performance of the student will be evaluated by faculty and fellows within the Division. Personal discussions of performance will be held with each student by the Fellow or Faculty member with whom the student worked. Students will be evaluated by all fellows and staff with whom they have contact. The evaluations will be written by the preceptor utilizing the information gathered from the staff and fellows. Students will be asked to provide evaluations of the clerkship at the completion of the service, in both written and verbal formats.

***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.