Applications will be accepted beginning May 1st of Year III on a first-come, first-serve basis; however, notification will begin in June.

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REPORT TO: Graduate Medical Education, Ground Floor La Vina Building at 9:00 a.m.
PREREQUISITE: MS IV only
DURATION: 4 weeks
DATES OFFERED: August through May

ROTATIONS SCHEDULED: by calendar month (all four weeks MUST fall within the same calendar month) - NO EXCEPTIONS! Students must submit a petition for approval. Once approved, students will submit the clerkship application available on our website at: http://www.huntingtonhospitalmedicalresidency.com/clerkshipprogram.html

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 1

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
Students will be able to:
1. Perform an excellent cardiac examination (including history and physical).
2. Discuss the use of commonly used cardiac medications (e.g., digitalis preparations, procaine amide, quinidine, lidocaine, Warfarin, propranolol).
3. Read electrocardiograms.
4. Describe methods of performing and interpreting the major invasive and non-invasive methods of evaluating cardiac patients, e.g., exercise testing, phonocardiography, echocardiography, cardiac catheterization and cardiac x-rays.
5. More effectively manage patients with both acquired and adult congenital heart disease.

SUPERVISION:
50% Faculty
50% Residents

DESCRIPTION:
Each student will be assigned to a team consisting of an intern or resident and a staff physician. Each student will be the primary physician for at least two patients. Students will also attend clinics with assigned team. Students will receive instruction in the interpretation of electrocardiograms. Students should attend scheduled formal conferences which stress medical and surgical management of the cardiac patients as well as noninvasive and invasive methods of cardiac diagnosis.

EVALUATION:
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 supervisor. 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.