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

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PREREQUISITE: MS III (last 6 months) and MS IV

DURATION: 4 weeks

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

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 2

VISITING STUDENTS: No

SUPERVISION: 100% Faculty

DESCRIPTION:
This is a consultation service with faculty and a weekly clinic. Experience is gained in diagnosis, treatment and disposition of many infectious disease problems. The student is also expected to participate in departmental and divisional conferences. Daily schedule is flexible and to be arranged with preceptor (usually 8:00 and 4:30 p.m.). Students are expected to be available during these hours.

EVALUATION:
No formal written or oral tests given. Students’ performance is assessed by the faculty who work with them as for their effort, proficiency and behavior. 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 diagnosis and management of infectious diseases.
2. Discuss the treatment of a wide range of infections including gram-negative sepsis and shock; bacterial endocarditis; respiratory infections, urinary tract infections, bacterial and parasitic infections of the gastrointestinal tract; osteomyelitis and septic arthritis; infections associated with alcoholism, drug abuse and diabetes; anaerobic infections, fungal infections and tuberculosis
3. Obtain histories and examine patients with infections.
4. Discuss the management of infections frequently seen in hospitals and in the community and infections less commonly seen.
5. Discuss the use and abuse of antibiotics.
6. Describe the importance of obtaining adequate specimens for further examination (staining, cultures, etc.) and the methods used for culturing these specimens and identifying the organisms.