

MEDICAL ONCOLOGY

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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REPORT TO: Norris Hospital, NOR 3444 – 9 am if from outside USC, otherwise to GH 10-420 9 am for consult rounds

PREREQUISITE: Medicine I Clerkship

DURATION: 4 or 6 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All Year

Rotation scheduled: to begin on any Monday.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 3

VISITING STUDENTS: Yes

DESCRIPTION:

Each student will be assigned to a medical team consisting of an attending, a fellow in oncology and a medical intern or resident. The student will be acting as a junior intern with close intensive supervision from the resident and fellow. Rounds will be conducted daily with the resident and fellow plus interval rounds as needed on more seriously ill patients. Attending rounds are held three times a week.

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 diagnosis, staging and multimodality treatment of neoplastic disease in adults.
2. Work with patients who often require intensive supportive care, who develop medical problems requiring expert clinical judgment.
3. Describe the use of chemotherapeutic and immunotherapeutic agents in the treatment of patients with neoplasms.
4. Describe the approach to the patient with a neoplastic process, a perception of what goals are achievable as well as an awareness of current avenues of pharmacological principles.

SUPERVISION:

40% Fellows

40% Residents

20% Faculty