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REPORT TO: Nuclear Medicine Department in the Diagnostic and Treatment Tower, 4th floor LAC+USC

PREREQUISITES: None

DURATION: 3-4 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All Year
Rotations are scheduled: Rotation to begin on the 1st Monday of the month.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 2

VISITING STUDENTS: Yes

SUPERVISION:
20% Residents
80% Faculty

DESCRIPTION:
Students will shadow different attendings each day of the rotation. Each morning there will be readout sessions of general nuclear medicine studies with the attending, as well as residents and fellows, at LAC+USC. During these sessions, students will learn how to interpret the imaging studies by working through actual patient cases with the team. Each afternoon will constitute readout sessions of PET-CT and general nuclear medicine studies. Each week, attendings and/or fellows will have didactic sessions on various topics in nuclear medicine. Dependant on the students special interests, observation of less commonly performed therapies and procedures such as (intrarterial injection of yttrium 90( with interventional radiology) and Zevalin therapy), visits to PET Center at HCC 1, or research may be arranged during the rotation. Students are encouraged to gain more exposure according to their interests. For residency interviews, please present a copy of the email interview confirmation along with an absence request form. If you miss more than five (5) days, you will NOT receive credit for the rotation.

EVALUATION:
Students will be informed of expectations and methods of evaluation on the first day of their rotation. The schedule includes daily readouts and conferences. Students will be evaluated on their performance by Dr. Wassef with input from the nuclear medicine faculty, residents and technologists upon completion of the rotation. Students will receive feedback on their performance during daily one-on-one readout sessions with attendings.

*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.