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

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REPORT TO: HRA Building 3rd floor at 9:00 a.m.

PREREQUISITES: Pediatric Clerkship

DURATION: 4 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All year

Rotations are scheduled: by calendar month
(however can accommodate applicant schedule)

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 1-2

VISITING STUDENTS: Yes

SUPERVISION: 100% Faculty

DESCRIPTION: A series of lectures/discussions will be held on infectious disease topics. A packet of pertinent readings will be provided to the resident at the beginning of the elective. The resident will also be expected to read appropriate sections of Infectious Disease texts, Pediatrics texts, and the Red Book. Useful, reputable internet sites including Entrez Pubmed and the Up to Date, will also be used when appropriate. The student will evaluate patients in Infectious Disease and Pediatric HIV clinics and will perform consultations on hospitalized children. He/she will present one or several 15-30 minute discussions on pertinent topics of his/her choice. A collection of board-type questions on infectious disease topics with answers and discussions will be provided to the participants at the beginning of the month that will permit self-evaluation.

EVALUATION: Evaluation of the knowledge, skills, and performance of the participants will be on the basis of work performance, formal rounds, and presentations. No formal written or oral tests are given. Student’s performance is assessed by the faculty who work with them as for their effort, proficiency and behavior.

*COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to:

1. Discuss epidemiology, presentation, diagnosis, and management of common infectious diseases in children.
2. Discuss diagnosis and management of complex pediatric infections, and those that complicate serious diseases of childhood.
3. Discuss current methods of diagnosing infectious diseases, including serology, culture, histology, and amplification methods.
4. Discuss current treatments of infectious diseases, including antibacterials, antifungals, antivirals, and antiparasitics.
5. Discuss the current methods for prevention and control of infectious diseases and the role of the pediatrician, to include immunizations, infection control, and public health measures.
6. Discuss new developments and research in Infectious Disease, including the critical evaluation of research studies.

*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.