

PEDIATRICS INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Credit: Selective B or Elective

Location: Children's Hospital of Los Angeles

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

DIRECTOR:

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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to:

1. Discuss the differential diagnosis of common clinical presentations of common infectious diseases.
2. Discuss the diagnosis, management, and prevention of the following diseases: endocarditis, meningitis, brain abscess, common sexually transmitted diseases, urinary tract infections, hospital acquired infections, sepsis syndrome and septic shock.
3. Discuss the principles of disease prevention in a hospital setting and the types of precautions used to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.
4. Describe the use of antibiotic sensitivity testing and serum levels of antibiotics.
5. Discuss the recommended immunizations for pediatric patients, including those who are immunocompromised.

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REPORT TO: Call

PREREQUISITE: Pediatric Clerkship

DURATION: 4 or 6 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All Year

Rotations are scheduled: to begin any Monday

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 2

VISITING STUDENTS: No

DESCRIPTION:

It is anticipated that the student will gain expertise in the ability to take a history, examine a patient, and decide on the management of children with infectious diseases. Rounds will be made daily on an infectious disease unit with members of the Division of Infectious Diseases. Consultations referred to the Division of Infectious Diseases will be first seen and evaluated by students and resident on elective rotations. Attendance at pertinent general pediatric conferences will be encouraged.

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.