

PEDIATRIC ENDOCRINOLOGY AND METABOLISM

Credit: Selective B or Elective

Location: Childrens Hospital of Los Angeles

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

DIRECTOR:

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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to:

1. Describe the basic mechanisms of normal and abnormal physiology in the broad area of endocrinology.
2. Demonstrate skills required to evaluate pediatric patients with endocrine diseases.
3. Discuss appropriate use of commonly prescribed medications in pediatric inpatients with diabetes, thyroid disease and other endocrine disorders.
4. Describe the performance, use and interpretation of special diagnostic methods employed in the evaluation and follow-up of pediatric patients with endocrine disease.
5. Describe the diagnosis and management of patients with endocrine disorders.

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PREREQUISITE: Pediatrics Clerkship

DURATION: 4 or 6 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All Year

Rotation scheduled: to begin any Monday

SUPERVISION:

75% Faculty
25% Fellows

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 2

VISITING STUDENTS: No

DESCRIPTION:

The clerkship involves taking part in all divisional activities including rounds on inpatients and consultations and attendance at outpatient clinics and patient care conferences. Students will learn endocrine and metabolic physiology and pathophysiology as well as patient communication skills.

EVALUATION:

No formal written or oral tests given. Student's performance is assessed by the divisional faculty who work with them in terms of effort, proficiency and behavior. All faculty will evaluate the individual student and Dr. Geffner, the course chairman, 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.