

## PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE

**Credit:** Selective A or Elective

**Location:** Children's Hospital of Los Angeles

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

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**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Student will be able to:

1. Describe the most common and critical cases seen in an emergency room and the initial steps in management.
2. Describe how to evaluate, assess, and develop a differential diagnosis for an undifferentiated patient.
3. Effectively communicate with patients and/or family members in the emergency department setting.
4. Develop a problem list and management plan for the evaluation of the patient in the emergency department.
5. Demonstrate evidence based decision-making utilizing current medical literature.
6. Give case presentations in a complete, concise, and orderly pattern.
7. Perform an accurate physical examination with use of any pertinent ancillary techniques.
8. Recognize "red flags" of worst-case diagnose and immediate life-threatening illnesses.
9. Describe the role of emergency medicine in the community at large including access to care and its impact on patient care.
10. Acquire experience and skill in basic emergency department procedures such as LP's, splinting and suturing

**REPORT TO:** Raquel Landeros, Student Programs Adviser two hours prior to the start of your first shift to receive picture ID, parking and meal card. After processing, you will report to the CHLA Division of Emergency Medicine Administrative Office at start of first shift, located at 1-40 McAllister Building

**DURATION:** 4 weeks

**DATES OFFERED:** All Year

**Rotation scheduled:** to begin on any Monday

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS:** 3

**VISITING STUDENTS:** Yes

**PREREQUISITES:** Pediatrics Clerkship; MS IV or final rotation of MS III

**INSTRUCTION:**

80% Supervised Patient Care

10% Lectures

5% Attending Rounds/Small group discussion

5% Independent Study

**SUPERVISION:** 90% Faculty 10%Fellows

**DESCRIPTION:**

Under close supervision by the Emergency Medicine attending staff and fellows, patients are evaluated in the Emergency Department setting. Experience is gained in taking histories, performing physical exams, case presentations, diagnosis, treatment and disposition of many emergent illnesses, including life threatening emergencies. The student has an opportunity to participate in departmental and divisional conferences and seminars. The schedule consists of five, eight hour shifts per week with the requirement of two weekends (two Saturdays and two Sundays). Daily schedule consists of shifts 8a-4p, 10a-6p, 12p-8p or 4p-12a. Requests are taken into consideration with scheduling during the rotation. Schedule requests need to be forwarded via email to Dr. Karen Kwan at least one month prior to the beginning of the rotation.

**EVALUATION:**

Students will view an orientation video outlining necessary information regarding expectations and methods of evaluation on their first day of the rotation. The students and their performance will be discussed and evaluated by attending consensus at a joint Emergency Medicine faculty meeting. Students will receive feedback on their performance and improvements needed during the elective.

**\*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.