

PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY AND NUTRITION

Credit: Selective B or Elective

Location: LAC+USC Medical Center &
Women's and Children's Hospital

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

DIRECTOR:

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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to:

1. Evaluate children with gastrointestinal, liver and nutritional disorders.
2. Interpret the results of common GI laboratory tests and diagnostic procedures.
3. Understand the indications for the various GI procedures.
4. Develop management plans for infants and children with GI, liver and nutritional disorder.

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SUPERVISION:

70% Attendings

20% Residents

10% Fellows

PREREQUISITE: Pediatrics Clerkship

DURATION: 4 weeks

DATES OFFERED: August, October, January, February, April, and June

Rotation scheduled: by calendar month

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 1

VISITING STUDENTS: No

DESCRIPTION:

The student will participate as a member of the Pediatric Gastroenterology Consultation Service at Women's & Children's Hospital and will attend outpatient clinics and teaching conferences at both Women and Children's Hospital and Children's Hospital of LA. The elective will include evaluation and management of children with disorders of the gastrointestinal and hepatobiliary system as well as infants and children with complex nutritional disorders.

EVALUATION:

Student's performance is evaluated by the faculty member(s) who work with the student and will include an evaluation of their effort, proficiency and professional behavior. Each faculty member who works with the student will contribute to the evaluation and the preceptor will summarize the overall performance in the student evaluation form. A formal written examination will be given towards the conclusion of the clerkship. Although this examination will provide some information regarding the student's knowledge base in pediatric gastroenterology, it is primarily intended as a teaching tool and will not constitute a significant portion of the student's evaluation.

***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.