

PULMONARY DISEASE

Credit: Selective B or Elective

Location: LAC + USC Medical Center

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

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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to:

1. Skillfully perform the following procedures: arterial puncture, thoracentesis, spirometry, skin tests, cardiac resuscitation, and intubation.
2. Describe how to request and arrange for necessary investigative procedures, e.g., bronchoscopy, lung scan, angiogram, liver and scalene node biopsies and thoracotomy. Once scheduled, students will witness and assist in performing the procedures.
3. Discuss the diagnosis and management plan for patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
4. Discuss the diagnosis and detection and management of pulmonary tuberculosis.

REPORT TO: GNH 11-900 at 8:00 a.m.

PREREQUISITE: Medicine I Clerkship

DURATION: 4 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All Year

Rotations scheduled: to begin any Monday

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 1

VISITING STUDENTS: Yes

DESCRIPTION:

The pulmonary clerkship will provide advanced clinical experience in pulmonary disease and offer the student an opportunity for active participation at the internship level in the delivery of care to sick inpatients as well as outpatients. In addition, the student will consolidate his/her knowledge in the basic sciences pertaining to respiratory disease. The student will attend and actively participate in clinical conferences (Tuesday and Thursday) and Journal Club (Wednesday).

EVALUATION:

Students will be evaluated on the basis of their day-to-day progress. Weekly feedback from the residents and the attending staff will help the faculty member responsible for the students to explore deficiencies in the early stage of the clerkship. He/she will then assign extra reading exercises for the deficient students. No formal examinations are planned.

***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.