

PULMONARY DISEASE

Credit: Selective B

Location: Rancho Los Amigos 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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Department of Medicine Office
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PREREQUISITES: MS IV

DURATION: 4 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All Year
Rotation scheduled: to begin any Monday (1st of the month is preferred)

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 2

VISITING STUDENTS: No

DESCRIPTION:

The Pulmonary/Critical Care elective is a mostly hands-on experience for the students where they participate in the direct care of pulmonary and critical care patients; this is done both on inpatients as well as in ambulatory clinics. Students get to consult on other services for pulmonary complications. The lectures provide core knowledge and understanding of the diagnostic tests available and how the management strategies are to be developed. The student is also expected to participate in departmental and divisional conferences. There is weekly schedule, and students are expected to be available during working hours.

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. The faculty 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.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate basic knowledge of pulmonary medicine.
2. Use clinical skills in evaluation of patients with respiratory problems.
3. Discuss the basics of mechanical ventilation.
4. Describe basic upper airway and tracheostomy management.
5. Discuss the basics of caring for patients with chronic diseases.
6. Discuss the basics of caring for patients with multi-system organ failure.
7. More effectively interpret chest x-rays.
8. More effectively interpret arterial blood gas.
9. Discuss the basics of multi-disciplinary end-of-life care.
10. Communicate with families of critically-ill patients.

SUPERVISION:

100% Faculty