

Clerkship Title: RHEUMATOLOGY

Location: Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center

Credit Level: Selective B or Elective

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Length of time: 4 or 6 weeks
Dates offered: All year
Number of students: 2
Visiting students from other US medical schools? n/a
Prerequisites: required core clerkship – Medicine I

Place and time to report on first day: Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center
900 Annex Room 7 at 8:00 am

Textbooks/Availability:

- Primer of the Rheumatic Diseases, The arthritis Foundation, 1989
- A current General Internal Medicine text

Learning Objectives – At the conclusion of the clerkship the student should be able to:

- The student will function as a primary participant in the delivery of health care to patients with rheumatic disease both in the inpatient and outpatient setting. He/she will learn to work with a large staff of allied health professionals and understand their importance in the care of the disabled patient. At the end of the rotation, he/she should be familiar with the common presentation of the rheumatic diseases, their evaluation, workup and the natural history. In addition, the student should become familiar with disabled patients and how they can have a functional position in society. In addition to a better understanding of the musculoskeletal system and its illnesses, the student will have an opportunity to become familiar with disabled patients and how they can have a functional position in society. In addition to a better understanding of the musculoskeletal system and its illnesses,

the student will have an opportunity to become familiar with common medical problems as experienced in a chronic care setting.

Course Description:

- The Arthritis Service at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center is a multi-disciplinary program dedicated to the care and rehabilitation of patients with rheumatic diseases. The service consists of 15 inpatient beds and three outpatient clinics weekly. Patient care is jointly given by rheumatology and orthopaedic surgery with input from allied health disciplines including physical therapy, occupational therapy, medical social work, psychology, nursing and dietary. The Arthritis Service has an active inpatient and outpatient program. The student should become familiar with the different rheumatic large staff of allied health professionals and understand their importance in the care of the disabled patient. Team care is stressed and the student will function as an intimate team member in providing care. Inpatient and outpatient experiences will be given.

Evaluation: Students are evaluated on an individual basis by the staff.