GENERAL NEUROLOGY

Credit: All
Location: Norris Medical Library and selected partner facilities
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Applications will be accepted starting March 1 of Year III

REPORT TO: Norris Medical Library at 9:00 a.m. on the first Monday for orientation. Note that clinical work is required

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
Students will be able to:
1. Discuss pathophysiology and treatment of common and uncommon neurologic conditions with emphasis on translational medicine and on current issues
2. Apply knowledge in both outpatient and inpatient clinical settings under the supervision of attendings, senior residents, and fellows
3. Report findings and plans in a structured format
4. Demonstrate thoughtful use of evidence-based resources
5. Demonstrate basic skills (appropriate to prior training) in the use of sophisticated resources such as EMG, EEG, conventional MRI, head CT

PREREQUISITE: 3 or 4 week clerkship in Neurology

DURATION: 4 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All year
Rotation schedule: tbd based on student input

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 2 maximum per rotation

VISITING STUDENTS: Will be considered

SUPERVISION:
At least 50% Faculty
Up to 30% Residents
20% Fellows

DESCRIPTION:
Through a series of activities, the study of selected resources, and through faculty-directed patient interactions, students will develop knowledge and application skills that will promote their ability to gather, interpret, and manage information, and to apply this in the clinical setting. Students will be informed of expectations and methods of evaluation during orientation on the first day of the rotation. The in-depth experience, which builds on prior experience, will prepare students to make important contributions to both clinical care and clinical research.

EVALUATION:
No formal written or oral tests are given. Student performance is assessed by the faculty, with a focus on effort, proficiency and professional behavior. Participation during rounds is very important. All the staff will evaluate the individual student and the clerkship directors will summarize the overall performance. Students are required to attend discussions (2-4 hours/week) and complete all reading and clinical assignments. The faculty will provide regular evaluations based on consistent participation and completion of assignments.

Attendance and Illness Policy
In order to insure adequate clinical exposure, no more than 1 day of excused absences (to include official Holidays) can be accepted during this elective. 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 elective. Students should take vacation time if he/she anticipates a need for more than 1 absence during this elective. USMLE and BLS/ACLS will not be considered excused absences.