

GASTROENTEROLOGY

Credit: All

Location: LAC + USC Medical Center

Revised: 1/6/2009

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

PREREQUISITE: MS IV only

DURATION: 4 or 6 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All Year

Rotations scheduled: to begin any Monday

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 4

VISITING STUDENTS: Yes

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to:

1. Describe the basic mechanisms of normal and abnormal physiology in the broad area of gastroenterology.
2. Demonstrate skills required to evaluate patients with GI and biliary disease.
3. Discuss appropriate use of commonly prescribed medications in patients with alterations in liver function.
4. Describe the performance, use and interpretation of special diagnostic methods employed in the evaluation and follow-up of patients with liver disease.
5. Describe the diagnosis and management of patients with acute and chronic liver failure.

DESCRIPTION:

The rotation will teach the student to obtain a history and to perform a competent physical examination so that a diagnosis of common GI disorders may be achieved with the aid of well chosen investigative procedures. The student will participate as an observer in the performance of some procedures and will be given the opportunity of performing certain investigations him/herself. Also, he/she will participate in clinical discussions with staff.

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. All the staff 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.
