GENERAL PEDIATRICS – INPATIENT

Location: LAC+USC Medical Center
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COURSE OBJECTIVES:
Students will be able to:
1. Perform a history and physical examination appropriately for the acutely ill, hospitalized child.
2. Demonstrate by their interaction with acutely ill children and their families, the ability to communicate effectively aiding in data collection
3. Demonstrate knowledge of basic principles of pathophysiology
4. Perform an initial work up and formulate a differential diagnosis and management plan for a patient who presents with any of a number of common pediatric illnesses.
5. Demonstrate an ability to organize and coordinate multidisciplinary input into the care of pediatric patients.
6. Demonstrate an ability to effectively communicate medical information, in both formally in rounds and presentations and informally in small group interactions with other members of the health care team.

PREREQUISITES: Pediatrics Clerkship

DURATION: 4 weeks

DATES OFFERED: June - November
Rotations scheduled: 6/26, 7/24, 9/5, 10/2 and 11/6

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 4

VISITING STUDENTS: Yes

INSTRUCTION:
50% Supervised Patient Care
20% Attending Rounds/Small group discussion
20% Independent Study – leading to 10-20 minute presentation by the student to the inpatient team on a topic of interest
10% Lectures

SUPERVISION:
40% Faculty
60% Chief Resident / Resident

DESCRIPTION:
Under close supervision by the staff and residents of the service, patients are evaluated in the ED, and wards. Experience is gained in diagnosis, treatment and disposition of infants and children with a variety of acute illnesses. Students will be expected to present and discuss patients on rounds daily and perform relevant reviews of the medical literature. The student is also expected to participate in departmental and divisional conferences and seminars. Students will be expected to prepare and present at least one educational conference for the inpatient team during the rotation. Students will have a minimum of 1 day off per week.

EVALUATION:
Student will be given the objectives and requirements on the first day of the clerkship. The methods of evaluation are direct observation by faculty and residents/chief residents. Feedback is given to students on a regular basis as they are observed with patients. Write ups are reviewed and presentations are critiqued. The student will receive midpoint feedback from the attending and an end of rotation summative evaluation (verbal and written).

*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.