DURATION: 4 weeks

Rotation scheduled: 6/26, 7/24, 9/5 and every first Monday of the month following

SUPERVISION:
50% Residents
50% Faculty

DESCRIPTION:
The medical student will have hands on training in the comprehensive evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of a wide variety of chronic pain conditions. These treatments include both medication management as well interventional techniques. As the basic skills of evaluation and diagnosis are being obtained, the student is introduced to various pain procedures, learn the preliminary steps in assessing a patient with acute/chronic pain, should be capable of establishing a differential diagnosis for the circumstances, and able to devise a response plan. The medical student needs to be familiar with local anesthetic and analgesic drugs, regional anesthesia/analgesia techniques, analgesic adjuvant drug pharmacology, and additional pain management modalities.

Additional elective topics/experiences:

Chronic Pain
Back pain, neck pain, headaches, musculo-skeletal pain, neuropathic pain (nerve injury pain), complex regional pain syndrome (RSD), postherpetic neuralgia, pelvic pain, and other chronic problems.

Work-Related Chronic Pain
Industrial injuries, repetitive motion injuries, loss of function and impaired work capacity.

Cancer-Related Chronic Pain
Functional impairment due to pain, tumor related pain, opioid unresponsive pain, and opioid tolerance or side effects difficulties.

Acute Pain
Post-operative and post-trauma pain

EVALUATION:
Evaluation is based primarily from OR participation and the written examination which is given at the end of the rotation.

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.