

PAIN MANAGEMENT

Credit: All

Location: Norris Cancer Center+ USC

Revised: 04/2009

Applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis throughout the year

DURATION: 4

DATES OFFERED: All Year

Rotation scheduled: to begin any Monday

SUPERVISION:

50% Residents

50% Faculty

VISITING STUDENTS: Yes

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.