Clerkship Title: ADOLESCENT MEDICINE

Location: Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles
4650 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90027

Credit Level: Selective B or Elective

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Length of time: 4 or 6 weeks
Dates offered: All year
Number of students: 1
Visiting students from other US medical schools? n/a
Prerequisites: Core pediatrics clerkship

Place and time to report on first day: CHLA, Teenage Health Center, 9 am

Textbooks/Availability:
   • Handouts given out at time of elective

Learning Objectives – At the conclusion of the clerkship the student should be able to:
   1. Know the important aspects of interviewing adolescents and feel comfortable in eliciting this information.
   2. Understand basic physical and emotional growth and development of the adolescent period.
   3. Perform competent pelvic examination and feel comfortable with the examination.
   4. Assess the adolescent’s need for contraception and provide appropriate contraception as needed.
   5. Diagnose and treat common medical problems that affect adolescents including menstrual disorders, sexually transmitted diseases, abdominal pain, fatigue, headaches and acne.
Course Description:

1. Clinical care in various settings serving adolescents including Teenage Health Center at Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Job Corps and High Risk Youth Clinic at Los Angeles Free Clinic.
2. Chart review sessions to review important cases and issues that arise during clinical care time.
3. Core didactic sessions to review important areas of adolescent health care.
4. Preceptorship during clinical care time to review appropriate history and physical examination findings.
5. Medical adolescent rounds each Friday involving important medical issues of adolescent health care.
6. Psychosocial adolescent rounds each Friday involving important medical issues of adolescent heath care.
7. Once a week session with Divisional psychologist to learn about interview techniques and adolescent psychosocial development.
8. Subspecialty teaching conferences including gynecology and dermatology once a month.