PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY

Credit: Selective B or Elective  Location: Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles  Revised: 6/1/08

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

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Ground floor, Duque Building,
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PREREQUISITE: Pediatrics Clerkship

DURATION: 4 or 6 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All Year except December
Rotations are scheduled: to begin any Monday

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 2

VISITING STUDENTS: No

DESCRIPTION:
An in-depth experience relating to infants and children with a wide variety of cardiovascular disease processes including congenital heart disease, rheumatic fever and dysrhythmias as well as associated cardiac involvement in acute and chronic disease entities covering the pediatric spectrum. Exposure to cardiac catheterization and cardiac surgery will be an integral aspect of the program. Access to the Cardiac Registry of anatomic specimens will also be provided.

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.

*COURSE OBJECTIVES:
Students will be able to:
1. Evaluate patients with cardiac disease with special attention to the physical examination.
2. Perform and interpret special diagnostic studies employed in the evaluation of patients with cardiac disease including electrocardiogram, chest x-ray, echocardiogram and cardiac catheterization.
3. Describe the use of commonly prescribed medications in patients with cardiovascular disease.
4. Discuss basic mechanisms of normal and abnormal cardiac physiology.

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.