MATERNAL-FETAL MEDICINE

Location: LAC+USC Medical Center  Revised: 02/02/17

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PREREQUISITE: Ob/Gyn Clerkship

DURATION: 4 weeks

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

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 1

VISITING STUDENTS: Yes

SUPERVISION:
50% Fellows
30% Faculty
20% Residents

DESCRIPTION:
The practice of maternal-fetal medicine includes knowledge of obstetrical, medical, and surgical complications of pregnancy and their effects on the mother and fetus.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
By working in the high-risk obstetrics clinic and on the antepartum inpatient ward, the student will be able to:

1. Describe the pathophysiology, evaluation, and treatment of obstetrical complications such as preeclampsia/eclampsia syndrome, multifetal gestation, fetal death, fetal growth restriction, cervical insufficiency, preterm labor, preterm premature rupture of membranes, and third trimester vaginal bleeding.

2. Describe the pathophysiology, evaluation, and treatment of medical complications affecting pregnancy such as hypertension, diabetes, SLE, thyroid disorders, heart disease, and neurologic disorders.

3. Attend multiple didactic teaching conferences at LAC+USC Medical Center

4. Attend a multidisciplinary fetal care conference on a weekly basis at the USC-CHLA Maternal-Fetal Institute (Institute for Maternal and Fetal Health)

EVALUATION:
At the start of the rotation the student will meet with the course director and receive a written copy of the expected goals of the clerkship. The course director will write the medical student evaluation after consultation with all faculty, fellows, and residents who worked with the student. The medical student will have an exit interview with the course director in order to receive feedback on his/her strengths, as well as areas that need improvement. The grade will be assigned to the student at this time.

*Selective Attendance and Illness Policy
In order to ensure 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 apply 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, and 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.