PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY

Location: LAC+USC Medical Center
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PREREQUISITES: Pediatrics Clerkship
DURATION: 4 weeks
DATES OFFERED: June - November
Rotation scheduled: 6/26, 7/24, 9/5, 10/2 and 11/6
NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 2
VISITING STUDENTS: Yes
SUPERVISION:
80% Faculty
20% Resident

DESCRIPTION:
The student will participate as a member of the Pediatric Cardiology Consultation Service @ LAC+USC and will
attend outpatient clinics and teaching conferences. The elective will include evaluation and management of children
with simple and common as well as infants and children with complex and rare cardiac conditions.

EVALUATION:
Student’s performance is evaluated by the faculty member(s) who work with the student and will include an
evaluation of their effort, proficiency and professional behavior. Each faculty member who works with the student
will contribute to the evaluation and the preceptor will summarize the overall performance in the student evaluation
form. A formal written examination will be given towards the conclusion of the clerkship. Although this examination
will provide some information regarding the student’s knowledge base in pediatric cardiology, it is primarily intended
as a teaching tool and will not constitute a significant portion of the student’s evaluation.

*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.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
Students will be able to:
1. Demonstrate the medical knowledge and understand the basic principles that apply to the presentation and recognition of cardiac disease in
infants and children.
2. Recognize and differentiate between the cardiovascular conditions that can be evaluated and managed by the general pediatrician.
3. Recognize, evaluate and differentiate cardiovascular conditions requiring appropriate referral to pediatric cardiology.
4. Describe and interpret non-invasive cardiovascular test and procedures.
5. Identify and describe the classification and indications for the use of the following drugs commonly used in the management of children
with heart disease.
6. Discuss the role of the general pediatrician in the screening and prevention of cardiac disease in children.
7. Demonstrate diagnostic operational skills in cardiac auscultation, EKGS, Chest x-rays, and echocardiogram.