

Family Medicine Clerkship

Structure: 4 weeks, all outpatient.

- MANDATORY lectures @ Madison Irving: Monday of 1st week (all-day session: 3 lectures & musculoskeletal workshop) and Wednesday (morning only) of the second week (3 lectures). At the end of the Wednesday AM session, there is a mandatory de-briefing session for students to ask questions and to serve as a reminder for tasks to be completed during the rotation.
- FREE Lunch at Madison Irving provided on the first Monday all day session around noon (this is a mandatory part of the teaching session on how to deal with pharmaceutical representatives).

Assignment of Students:

1-2 students per rotation assigned to Madison Irving. The rest of the students are assigned to various local outpatient offices. Preceptors have differing schedules with certain mornings or afternoons off. Placement is first come first serve.

Call: No call.

Rounds: Most offices are outpatient only, although some preceptors do informal inpatient rounds and also obstetrics.

Typical Day: Contact hours with preceptors will depend on their individual schedules. Usually it is 8AM-5PM. However, some preceptors may work other hours. Lunch is generally 12PM to 1PM unless otherwise specified. A lot of the offices have pharmaceutical lunches that students are welcomed to attend if they wish. It is expected that students will match their schedules to their preceptors. Students will be exposed to the scope of family medicine including babies, children, adolescents and adults. The spectrum of visits includes preventive medicine, sick visits, chronic illness, and obstetrics (obstetrics at some select practices). Each day counts as two half-days. Total of 35 half-days (excluding lectures, final exam day). See patients and present them to attendings. Write one SOAP note per day if possible (you may end up writing more). Some offices are using electronic medical records, and students are advised to ask their preceptors on how they are to work with these records.

Recommended Text:

Essentials of Family Medicine, 4th Ed. By Dr. Sloane. Exam is based on the required chapters from the book. Some of the chapters are on electronic reserve on the library website. The textbook is also available in library.