



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
Paul L. Foster School of Medicine™

MPED-806A

Adolescent Medicine

This elective is designed to help students acquire good interviewing skills, a basic knowledge of adolescent physical and psychosocial development, an understanding of adolescent gynecology, basic skills in evaluation and management of sexually transmitted diseases, knowledge of nutrition and eating disorders in teenagers, management of common skin disorders, ability to identify common orthopaedic problems, knowledge of psychosocial disorders common in adolescents, and insight into the common medical complaints and problems in this age group as well as chronic illnesses seen in adolescents. Students will also gain insight into the legal issues and become familiar with the interface between the adolescent health facility, community agencies and institutions.

MPED-806B

Ambulatory Pediatrics

The purpose of this elective is to familiarize the student with preventive pediatrics and parent education, acute intervention in common childhood diseases and follow-up visits, evaluation of patients in an outpatient consulting service, and interactions with Faculty and residents about the many facets of ambulatory pediatrics. Students will participate in ambulatory clinics and various conferences and rounds associated with pediatrics. At the end of the rotation, the student will present a topic in ambulatory pediatrics to residents and Faculty.

MPED-806D

Pediatric Endocrinology/Metabolism

This elective provides exposure to outpatient management of common pediatric endocrine problems. Included will be growth assessment, Type 1 diabetes, congenital hypothyroidism, acquired hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism, precocious puberty, delayed puberty, congenital adrenal hyperplasia, diabetes insipidus, and disorders of calcium regulation. Limited exposure to inpatient consultations is anticipated. Indications for common endocrine laboratory tests and their interpretation will be reviewed. Endocrine aspects of common pediatric clinical situations will be discussed.

MPED-806E**Pediatric/Diabetes Camp**

This elective offers a unique opportunity to learn day-to-day management of Type 1 diabetes. The student attends a one or two week session at a camp for children with diabetes and takes a direct primary care responsibility for a group of children at the camp. Training is provided under the camp medical directors who are highly trained and thoroughly experienced in managing diabetes in children. Duties include supervision and monitoring of daily blood sugar testing and insulin injections. Pre-camp training and reading assignments will be provided. Daily meetings during the camp will provide some additional educational opportunities.

MPED-806G**Pediatric Infectious Diseases**

The objective of this elective is to familiarize the student with the clinical and microbiologic approach to common pediatric infectious disease problems. The student will become familiar with the different classes of antimicrobial agents and learn when and how to select appropriate empirical antibiotic therapy. The student will participate in the differential diagnosis of pediatric patients presenting with signs and symptoms of an infectious disorder. The student will learn the appropriate laboratory tests and culture techniques for isolation and identification of bacterial, viral, fungal, and parasitic pathogens. Epidemiology and infection control of specific infectious pathogens will be discussed. This elective is primarily an inpatient consultation rotation involving the teaching hospital and two private hospital services with one weekly outpatient clinic for follow-up and consultation. Opportunities for research projects may be available if desired.

MPED-806H**Clinical Neonatology**

Students will participate in the delivery of neonatal care in a modern, neonatal intensive care unit setting. Initially, the student will be oriented to the fundamentals of the physical examination, feeding, and preventive health maintenance of the normal newborn. Later, the student will participate in the care of the sick and/or premature infants admitted to the NICU under the close and direct supervision of the full time medical staff, assuming increasing responsibility in the care of the acutely ill neonate. This elective will provide the student with the opportunity to learn and perform procedures used in neonatal intensive care: resuscitation, intubation, umbilical vessel catheterization, chest tube placement, radial artery punctures, exchange transfusions, ventilatory management, etc.

MPED-806I**Inpatient Pediatrics**

This elective provides an individualized, problem-oriented rotation for the student to help develop a systematic approach to the pediatric patient for evaluation and management while the patient is hospitalized, with plans for follow-up. The student assumes the role of extern, and night call schedule and activities are coordinated with the senior resident on the ward. Pertinent reference material will be provided, and literature searches by the student will be encouraged. The faculty attending and the senior resident will provide supervision.

MPED-806J**Pediatric Cardiology**

Students will be provided many opportunities to learn a variety of cardiac problems in pediatric patients. The student will observe or participate in any activities that the pediatric cardiologist will perform in the diagnosis and management of children with cardiac diseases. The student will become familiar with the interpretation of normal and abnormal cardiac manifestations and physical findings of cardiac defects in children. The student will observe noninvasive and invasive diagnostic procedures and will be encouraged to interpret electrocardiograms, echocardiograms, and cardiac catheterization data. The student will also have an opportunity to observe cardiac surgery and follow the patient postoperatively with the cardiologist. Sufficient physiopathological background will be provided to make the cardiac problems more comprehensible through lectures, case discussions, and review of pathologic specimens.

MPED-806X**Pediatric Pulmonology**

The purpose of this elective is to develop basic methodology in the evaluation of pediatric lung disease by the rational use of appropriate clinical skills, by interpreting blood gases and pulmonary function tests, and by reading chest radiographs in order to be able to develop a reasonable differential diagnosis, disease evaluation, and therapy (including familiarizing with ventilator). This elective will provide the types of pediatric pulmonary problems encountered at the general pediatric inpatient facility, as well as those referred to a subspecialty, outpatient chest and/or cystic fibrosis clinic complemented by occasional consultation on critically ill children.