



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

Third Year Medical Student Rotation on the Wards

Pediatrics is a primary care subspecialty of medicine, the main concern of which is the comprehensive and continuing care of children. The basis of pediatrics exists in an understanding of the growth and development of the human organism as it advances from birth to adulthood. Pediatrics is, therefore, not an organ-based specialty but one that evaluates the child as well as his relationship to both family and society.

During your two week rotation on Wards, you will be introduced to inpatient pediatrics. During this clerkship you will become part of a health-care team with a responsibility to care for and treat acutely and chronically ill children. In the process, you will learn about health maintenance in children and adolescents, the diagnosis and treatment of many pediatric disorders, and what it means to be a child advocate.

You will become part of a pediatric ward team which includes faculty, residents, nurses, social workers, respiratory therapists, and many others. You will also interact with the faculty from pediatric subspecialties, surgical services, and other consultants.

We expect you to be an active learner. Although the pediatric ward experience will expose you to some important aspects of pediatric care, we realize that it will not provide you with all you need to know about pediatrics. Thus you will need to read about your patients' conditions and relevant topics.

Pediatric ward responsibilities will be explained to you in detail when you arrive on the pediatric floor. You will meet with your assigned senior resident whom you will shadow while on the floor.

In general:

- You will attend to the patients assigned to you (an average of 3 – 4 daily).
- You will be responsible for a complete work-up including:
 - History and Physical exam
 - Lab orders
 - Lab results
 - Meds orders
 - Consultation orders and follow-ups
 - Daily progress notes
 - Discharges(All orders need to be co-signed by your senior resident, and the discharges will be dictated by the senior resident)

- Attend daily rounds with a faculty and present your patients.
- Monday and Friday afternoons are the only afternoons that you are excused from your duties on the Ward. You are expected to remain until you check out your patients to the night team coming onto service. Check out begins at **4:30 p.m.**
- Keep the online patient log
- Attend all student core lectures on Monday (TBA) and Friday Teaching Resident Sessions (Pedi Library, AEC 246).
- Attend Morning Report every **Monday and Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** (AEC 212)
- Attend Small Group Discussions every **Friday at 7:30 a.m.** (AEC 212)
- You should report to the Ward by **7:00 a.m.** to receive checkout from the night float team. During your rotation, you will be responsible for a joint Morning Report Presentation which the MS III's on the Ward will present together. The topic will be assigned by the Senior Resident(s).
- You will **take call 3 times** during your Ward rotation. These will all be weekday call **beginning at 5:00 and ending at either 10:00 or once you have admitted two patients -- whichever comes first.** While on call, you should accompany the residents to the ER whenever possible.
- **If you are ill and unable to come in to work, please be sure that you contact Lourdes Davis, the attending physician, and a senior resident by email.**
- You will need to complete one H & P while on the Ward. This is due **no later than the last day of the rotation.** Attached you will find a copy of the grading rubric. **Be sure to follow the layout that is described by the attached rubric (pink sheet).** Please be sure to turn the H&P in to the Clerkship Coordinator, Lourdes Davis so that she can log that it was turned in on time. She will then have the attending physician grade it.

At the end of the clerkship, you should:

- Feel comfortable with children of all ages
- Have basic skills in evaluating and treating acute and, to some extent, chronic illnesses in children
- Have an understanding of normal childhood development as a general backdrop for the application of these skills.

Items due by the last day of the rotation:

- Ward History & Physical
- Morning Report Presentation (if assigned)

Please be sure that by the end of this rotation you complete the H & P and turn it in to the Clerkship Coordinator, Lourdes Davis.

Welcome to the Inpatient Pediatrics Clerkship!