GENERAL INFORMATION

COURSE CHAIR: Richard Riggs, M.D.

STUDENT COORDINATOR: Michelle Demond
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STUDENTS / PERIOD: max 3 min 1
DURATION: 3 weeks

ROTATIONS WILL BE OFFERED AS FOLLOWS:

- July 15 – August 4
- August 5 – August 25
- August 26 – September 15
- September 16 – October 6
- October 7 – October 27
- October 28 – November 11
- November 18 – December 8
- January 6 – January 26
- January 27 – February 16
- February 17 – March 9
- March 24 – April 13
- April 14 – May 4
- May 5 – May 25
- May 26 – June 15

NOTE: Four weeks available. Please inquire
Rotations are also offered by arrangement. Please contact
the Student Coordinator

STUDENT EXPERIENCES

COMMON PROBLEMS/DISEASES
1. Musculoskeletal pain
2. Gait disorders
3. Wheelchair prescription
4. Cognitive assessment
5. Stroke syndromes
6. Amputations
7. Medication side-effects
8. Family assessments

APPROXIMATE # OF PATIENTS EVALUATED EACH WEEK BY
STUDENT: OPD=3, INPT=5

TOTAL # OF PATIENTS EVALUATED EACH WEEK BY ENTIRE
SERVICE: OPD=25, INPT=50

INPATIENT: 75%
OUTPATIENT: 25%
CONSULTATION: 100%

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To introduce the intellectual and philosophical clinical approach
to patients with disabilities and handicaps.
2. To have students perform full rehabilitation assessments,
including cognitive and emotional evaluations as well as the
addressing of physical disabilities.
3. To have students observe team interaction to problem solving
and efficient inpatient rehabilitation management as well as the
physician’s role of organizer and administrator.
4. To have students observe out-patient management of
disabilities like musculoskeletal pain and stroke syndromes.
5. To have students understand how rehabilitation interfaces with
other medical specialties by contact with patients’ physicians.
6. To have students understand the common medical and
surgical work-ups associated with rehabilitation problems.
7. To understand methods of approaching difficult patient
behaviors.
8. To understand research frontiers in the field, current cost
issues and discharge planning.

DESCRIPTION

The course will introduce the scope and management of the diverse
problems addressed by the field of Physical Medicine and
Rehabilitation. Problems range from isolated musculoskeletal
disorders to complex team rehabilitation of the severely
handicapped individual.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ON-CALL SCHEDULE & WEEKEND ACTIVITIES: Possible phone
call weeknights with Saturday/Sunday rounding depending on
Attending schedule.

This elective is suitable and useful for any medical student
regardless of future training plans. In addition, any student seriously
considering a residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
would obtain a good exposure to the field through this rotation.