GENERAL INFORMATION

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STUDENTS / PERIOD: max 1  min 1

DURATION: 3 weeks

ROTATIONS WILL BE OFFERED AS FOLLOWS:
- July 11 – July 29
- August 1 – August 19
- August 22 – September 9
- September 12 – September 30
- October 3 – October 21
- October 24 – November 11
- November 14 – December 2
- January 2 – January 20
- January 23 – February 10
- February 13 – March 3
- March 27 - April 14
- April 17 – May 5

STUDENT EXPERIENCES

COMMON PROBLEMS/DISEASES
1. Rheumatoid arthritis
2. SLE
3. Systemic vasculitis
4. Other collagen vascular diseases
5. Osteoarthritis
6. Crystal-induced arthritis
7. Rheumatoid variants
8. Septic arthritis

INPATIENT: 90%
OUTPATIENT: 10%

CONSULTATION: 90%
PRIMARY CARE: 10%

CLOSE CONTACT WITH
- Full-Time Faculty
- Clinical Faculty
- Fellows
- Residents
- Interns

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Knowledge of the pathogenesis, natural history, differential diagnosis, orderly investigation, and management of certain disease processes as listed under "major problems" below.

2. Clinical skills, medical interviewing, and physical examination, particularly joint examination technique.

3. Medical decision making, analysis of medical data, and synthesis of information.

4. Diagnosis and management of complex inpatient problems.

5. Interpretation of rheumatological and immunological tests.

6. Oral presentation of clinical cases.

7. The knowledge of the pharmacology and clinical uses of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, gold, anti-TNF agents, methotrexate, anti-malarials, immunosuppressives (cytoxan, immuran), corticosteroids, and uricosuric agents.

8. Medical record keeping (e.g., data collection and recording appropriate format for writing consultations).

9. The techniques of joint and soft tissue injections; special skills such as the reading of x-ray joints; crystal examination using polarizing microscope; examination of joint fluid and the aspiration of joint effusions.

DESCRIPTION

The student will learn the techniques of joint examination, clinical features, diagnosis, and management of rheumatic diseases. Teaching includes direct patient contact through inpatient consultations, the ambulatory clinics, and the rehabilitation service. Radiologic and immunologic aspects of rheumatic diseases will be emphasized.