General Information

COURSE CHAIR: Mariko Ishimori, MD

STUDENT COORDINATOR’S CONTACT INFORMATION:
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STUDENTS/PERIOD: Max: one Min: one

DURATION: Three weeks

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Requirement(s)

• USMLE Transcript of Scores

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.

Course Objectives

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

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

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

• Diagnosis and management of complex inpatient problems.

• Interpretation of rheumatological and immunological tests.

• Oral presentation of clinical cases.

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

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

• 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.

Student Experiences

COMMON PROBLEMS/DISEASES:
• Rheumatoid arthritis
• SLE
• Systemic vasculitis
• Other collagen vascular diseases
• Osteoarthritis
• Crystal-induced arthritis
• Rheumatoid variants
• Septic arthritis

INPATIENT: 90%
OUTPATIENT: 10%

CONSULTATION: 90%
PRIMARY CARE: 10%

CLOSE CONTACT WITH:
• Full-time faculty
• Clinical faculty
• Fellows
• Residents
• Interns
## Rheumatic Diseases

### Typical Schedule

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<td>Approx. # of Patients Eval./Each Week by Service</td>
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**Typical Monday**
- 8:00am – Attending Rounds Saban Community Clinic (1st Monday Only)
- 1:00pm – Inpatient Rounds

**Typical Tuesday**
- 8:00AM – Alt. X-Ray Conf. or Rheum Conf.
- 9:00am – Attending Rounds or Inpatient Rounds
- 1:00pm – UCLA Harbor Clinic

**Typical Wednesday**
- 9:00am – CSMC Clinic
- 1:00pm – Inpatient Rounds

**Typical Thursday**
- 9:00am – Attending Rounds or Inpatient Rounds
- 1:00pm – Inpatient Rounds
- 6:00pm – Venice Family Clinic (every 3rd Thursdays only)

**Typical Friday**
- 8:00am-9:00am – Medical Grand Rounds
- 10:00am – Inpatient Rounds
- 11:30am – UCLA Grand Rounds (optional)

**On-Call Schedule**
- NONE

**Weekend Activities**
- NONE

**Additional Comments/Special Requirements**
- NONE