

**NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

**DESCRIPTION OF CLINICAL CLERKSHIP**

**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE**

**LOCATION:** Naval Medical Center San Diego will be the site of all clinical training for rotating medical students in Emergency Medicine.

**LENGTH OF ROTATION:** Four weeks.

**SCHEDULING:** Clinical clerkships in Emergency Medicine are arranged by the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Office at the Naval Medical Center San Diego. This office forwards requests to the Emergency Medicine residency program coordinator for review and approval, and rotation schedule availability. The clinical clerk is then contacted by the GME office in reply.

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:** The Emergency Department (ED) has 25 board certified/eligible emergentologists including 8 fellowship trained/boarded physicians in the areas of toxicology, ultrasound, pediatrics, hyperbaric/dive medicine and EMS. 8 of our staff hold Professorships at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

The student will be expected to work 14 shifts, 8-hours per shift. Shifts will include day, evening and night shifts. Students will receive 1 weekend off during their rotation. There is no on-call duty.

Students will do the initial evaluation of their patients, order studies, and provide emergency treatment when indicated while being supervised by qualified Emergency Medicine (EM) resident and staff physicians. The Department offers the student a unique opportunity to function relatively independent and to get "hands-on" experience. Most students feel that their self confidence and their ability to actually assess and treat patients are enhanced significantly by the end of their rotation.

Every Thursday morning at 0700 in the ED conference room or in the Simulation lab, core lectures will be held for students and interns rotating in the ED; these lectures often involve learning with SIM-man. If a student is post-night shift, they are excused at 0800, otherwise the student is expected to attend the remainder of the EM conferences through 1400 in the EM conference room. Students will also be given practical experience during a skills morning in the Simulation lab covering SIM cases, suturing and ultrasound. Journal Club is held every month, and students are expected to attend. We often have availability to offer the opportunity to work in our cadaver as well as live-tissue teaching labs. During these sessions, the following procedures may be taught: venous cutdown, chest tube insertion, interosseous access placement, cricothyroidotomy, open thoracotomy and cardiac repair.

**RECOMMENDED READING:**

- Emergency Medicine: An Approach to Clinical Problem-Solving, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Hamilton et al.
- Topic based reading on UpToDate or Rosen's Emergency Medicine- Concepts and clinical Practice- 7<sup>th</sup> Edition

**POINT OF CONTACT:**

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