

**NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

**DESCRIPTION OF CLINICAL CLERKSHIP  
GASTROENTEROLOGY**

**LOCATION:** The clinical clerkship will be served on the Gastroenterology Service, Naval Medical Center, San Diego, CA.

**LENGTH OF TIME:** Four weeks

**EXPERIENCE:** Gastroenterology has five fully-trained gastroenterologists and two to four fellows. The clerk will receive a broad range of experience in inpatient and outpatient management of gastroenterological problems. The training during the month includes:

In the mornings, the clerk will see new patients with GI symptoms, and present them to the assigned staff physician. Their illnesses will then be discussed in detail. The clerk will usually see one to two patients each morning. He/she will also be expected to read on their illness via articles or textbook material. In addition, he/she will participate in liver clinic on Tuesday PM's and active duty clinic on Wednesday PM's.

He/she will also be assigned inpatient consults, which will then be discussed with the assigned fellow and staff. Inpatient rounds are held 3-4 times per week at 1600 where the patient is seen and the cases discussed in more detail. The clerk will see between two and five inpatient cases per week.

The clerk will have "free periods" during the week for reading. Textbooks as well as articles will be available for reading. He/she will be given a list of topics to read on during the month and his/her fund of knowledge in GI should expand tremendously during the month.

The clerk will also be encouraged to participate and observe procedures during the rotation to better understand their indications and limitations.

Numerous conferences are held during the week and include:

1. Combined GI/Surgery conference alternating with Pathology conference on Monday's at 1530.
2. University of California, San Diego GI/Surgery conference at UCSD at 1630.
3. Radiology conference on Friday's at 1300.
4. Gastroenterology Grand Rounds at 1330 on Friday's.

5. Monthly Liver conference.
6. Monthly Journal Club.

This experience should give the clerk a supervised overview of the management of patients with gastroenterological problems.