

NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

DESCRIPTION OF CLINICAL CLERK TRAINING

RHEUMATOLOGY DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE

LOCATION: Rheumatology Clinic

DURATION: 4 weeks

STAFF: Two fully trained Rheumatologists

CLINICS: Four weekly general clinics providing new patient consultations and followup care for patients with a variety of rheumatic diseases.

ROUNDS: Informal rounds are held as required by patient load.

CONFERENCES: Friday mornings, held jointly with the Rheumatology Division at UCSD.

TEACHING SESSIONS: Two or three hours each week are devoted to review of the Clinical Slide Collection from the American College of Rheumatology.

READING MATERIAL: Primer on the Rheumatic Diseases
Selected Articles

CLERKSHIP EXPERIENCE: The clerk will see patients in the Rheumatology Clinics under the supervision of the Rheumatology staff and will perform basic procedures under supervision. Patient evaluation will be limited to one new patient and one or two followup patients for each clinic.

The clerk will attend all scheduled rheumatology specialty clinics, rounds, and conferences, presenting patients as required.

The program is intended to provide the clinical clerk with a general overview of the management of the patient with rheumatic disease.