

**NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

**DESCRIPTION OF CLINICAL CLERKSHIP**

**DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE**

**INTRODUCTION:** Welcome to the Internal Medicine department at NMC San Diego. Internal Medicine is one division in the department of medicine which comprises multiple subspecialties as well. This information is to assist you in setting up a 4<sup>th</sup> year clerkship in the internal medicine department. If you desire to set up a clerkship in any of the medicine subspecialties, please refer to their specific department. The internal medicine department has 13 staff general medicine physicians as well as an internship and residency program. The department has 4 ambulatory medical home teams as well as 3 inpatient general internal medicine teams. The 4<sup>th</sup> year clerkship is designed to be a 4 week inpatient subinternship. There are also a few availabilities for subinternship spots in our medicine intensive care unit as well as cardiac care unit. Please see the pulmonary/critical care site or cardiology site for further information on these. Many students interested in later coming here for their graduate medical education have done a general medicine inpatient subinternship here.

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

**LENGTH OF ROTATION:** Four weeks.

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

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:** Our inpatient medical teams take care of an array of patients and issues. You will gain broad exposure to general medicine as well as many subspecialty issues as well. You will work with your team which includes a staff attending (general medicine or subspecialist), a resident, and two interns to care for patients from admission to discharge. You will assume many of the responsibilities and activities that you will experience during your first year as graduate medical trainees (interns). Although you will be supervised, you are expected to be the first person evaluating your patients and generating assessments and action plans. You will be an integral part of the team, working directly with nurses, therapists, consultants, and other health care providers. You will continue to develop and grow from your experience in your required core clerkship in internal medicine.

Expectations of the rotations can be found on enclosure (1).

**RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS:**

Reading for the Internal Medicine Clerkship may be done from any of the following standard medical textbooks:

- A. Cecil's
- B. Harrison's
- C. Scientific American Medicine (also available online)
- D. Stein
- E. Washington Manual

You may wish to purchase these textbooks:

- A. The Sanford Guide to Antimicrobial Therapy
- B. Tarascon Pocket Pharmacopeia
- C. Mosby's Practical Guide to the Care of the Medical Patient

**POINT OF CONTACT:**

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