

**NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

DESCRIPTION OF CLINICAL CLERKSHIP TRAINING

DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

LOCATION: The clinical clerkship will be served on the Ophthalmology Department of the Naval Medical Center, San Diego.

LENGTH OF TIME: 2 to 4 weeks

ROTATION: Clinical rotators will spend up to four weeks in the Ophthalmology Outpatient Clinic.

EXPERIENCE: Clinical rotators in the Ophthalmology department will be assigned to a staff physician to oversee their experience. They will initially be assigned to the walk-in area, where they will work closely with the assigned first year resident and rotating interns. The clerk will learn how to obtain an ophthalmic history and perform an eye examination relevant to the patient's presenting complaints. The rotators should become familiar with the use and operation of the slit-lamp, direct and indirect ophthalmoscopes, and the Goldmann applanation tonometer. The rotators will have the opportunity to rotate to the various ophthalmic subspecialties and work with all of the staff ophthalmologists, if desired. The rotators may also have the opportunity to observe ophthalmic surgery, if desired. At the conclusion of the rotation, the rotators should have a familiarity with the basics of ophthalmology including the Differential Diagnosis of the Red Eye and the Diagnosis/ Treatment/ Triage of Ophthalmic Emergencies. Also, the rotators should have adequate exposure to the practice of ophthalmology in order to decide if the specialty is right for him or her as career choice.

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