

**NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

DESCRIPTION OF CLINICAL CLERKSHIP

**DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS
HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY**

LOCATION: Naval Medical Center, San Diego will be the site of all clinical training for rotating medical students in pediatric hematology/oncology.

LENGTH: Four weeks

SCHEDULING: Clinical clerkships in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology are arranged by the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Office at the Naval Medical Center San Diego. This office forwards requests to the Pediatric 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 clinical clerks will work directly with the pediatric hematology/oncology staff, and will be provided the opportunity to observe and/or participate in a vast array of pediatric oncologic and life threatening hematologic disorders. Clinical clerks will study ongoing protocol therapy and outpatient diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. Diverse new referrals will be seen under the supervision of the pediatric hematology/oncology staff. Daily consultations are performed on the ward, PICU, nursery and outpatient clinics. The clerk will evaluate the consultation while being supervised by the on-call pediatric hematology/oncology staff. Clinical clerks will learn the basics in blood studies, special coagulation labs, bone marrow morphology, as well as the effects and kinetics of chemotherapy.

A daily morning conference is held by the Department of Pediatrics from 0740 to 0900. There is a weekly tumor board every Thursday at 1500. Patient procedures are scheduled in the pediatric sedation center on an "as needed" basis. Didactic sessions will be held in the afternoon to review basic pediatric hematology/oncology concepts.

RECOMMENDED READING:

Nelson Textbook of Pediatrics, 19th ed., Part XXI- Diseases of the Blood; Part XXII- Cancer and Benign Tumors.

Topic based articles provided by pediatric hematology and oncology staff.