

**NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

**DESCRIPTION OF CLINICAL CLERKSHIP**

**PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY**

**LOCATION:**

Naval Medical Center San Diego and Rady Children's Hospital will be the site of all clinical training for rotating medical students in pediatric cardiology

**LENGTH:** 4 weeks

**SCHEDULING:**

Clinical clerkships in Pediatric Cardiology are arranged by the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Office at the Naval Medical Center San Diego. This office forwards requests to the pediatric cardiology team for review, approval and rotation schedule availability. The clinical clerk is then contacted by the GME office in reply.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

Prior approval for the clerkship is the responsibility of the student. This includes obtaining permission from his/her medical school if this rotation is to be considered part of the academic year. Permission must also be obtained from the Head of the Division of Pediatric Cardiology.

**EXPERIENCE:**

The student's time on the rotation is divided among the outpatient clinic, inpatient consult service, cardiac catheterization laboratory, and conferences. He/she will be responsible for complete evaluations of patients and for additional research into their individual problems. The work week entails 3 days of outpatient general pediatric cardiology clinic, 1 day of fetal cardiology clinic, and 1 day in the cardiac catheterization lab. Consultations on the inpatient pediatric service, NICU, newborn nursery, PICU, adult congenital, and Maternal-Fetal Medicine services are variable. Each month the Pediatric Cardiac service sees about 100 patients (mostly outpatients) and performs about 75 echocardiograms.

**GOALS:**

The clerkship is designed to provide a comprehensive experience in Pediatric Cardiology. Upon completion, the student will have a strong understanding of basic cardiovascular physiology and anatomy; be able to perform an accurate cardiac history and physical examination; record and discuss patient data; and develop diagnostic and therapeutic plans; be able to interpret the commonly used diagnostic tools of the pediatric cardiologist; and understand the indications for referrals from the primary care arena.