

**NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

**PEDIATRIC ENDOCRINOLOGY DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS**

DESCRIPTION OF CLINICAL CLERKSHIP TRAINING

LOCATION:

The Clinical Clerkship will be served in the Pediatric Endocrinology Division of the Department of Pediatrics at Naval Medical Center, San Diego, CA 92134-5000

LENGTH: Four weeks

EXPERIENCE:

The Clinical Clerk will receive exposure to five to six Pediatric or Adolescent Endocrinology clinics per week. He/she will receive exposure to endocrine disorders of the inpatient population on the Pediatric Ward, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Newborn Nursery, and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. They will accompany the Pediatric Endocrinologist on consultation rounds. There is a didactic hour long lecture every morning of a broad range of general pediatric topics which are available for the clerk, as well as a specific reading program of Pediatric Endocrine topics to supplement the clinical experience.

The student will accompany the Pediatric Endocrinologist to Pediatric Endocrine Clinics at other hospitals, such as Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, at least twice each month. The student will also participate in the "Noon Conference" lecture series, which offers a broad review of topics in pediatrics.

Goals of the Clerkship:

1. To gain more thorough understanding of basic endocrinology.
2. To correlate basic and clinical endocrinology and observe the impact on a child's growth and development.
3. To be able to make clinical judgments based on a sound knowledge of endocrinology.
4. To learn the natural course of endocrinological disorders in children and adolescents.
5. To become familiar with the various treatment modalities of endocrinological disorders.
6. To become familiar with normal pediatric growth parameters and the interactions of endocrine disorders on normal growth and development.
7. To acquire a better understanding of hormonal interactions at

puberty.

8. To learn how to diagnose, treat and maintain patients with Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus and other forms of diabetes.
9. To become comfortable with the early diagnosis of various pediatric endocrine abnormalities.