

**NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

**DESCRIPTION OF CLINICAL CLERKSHIP**

**PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY**

**LOCATION:** Naval Medical Center, San Diego Pediatric Subspecialty clinic will be the site of all clinical training for rotating medical students in pediatric gastroenterology.

**LENGTH OF ROTATION:** Four weeks.

**SCHEDULING:** Clinical clerkships in Pediatric Subspecialties 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 Pediatric Gastroenterology division has 2 board certified gastroenterologists specialized in the care of infants, children and adolescents with disorders of the esophagus, stomach, small and large intestine, pancreas, and liver. The division of Pediatric Gastroenterology provides consultation on both inpatient and outpatients and performs procedures weekly and afterhours.

We have a robust outpatient clinic with over 150 patients per month. The clinic is held daily in the Pediatric Subspecialty clinic located in Building 2. Inpatient consultations are made on the pediatric ward, pediatric intensive care unit as well as the neonatal intensive care unit. The clinical clerk will be expected to actively participate in both outpatient and inpatient consultation.

Endoscopy is performed each Wednesday in the pediatric sedation center. Clinical clerks will learn the indications for performing upper endoscopy, lower endoscopy, capsule endoscopy, percutaneous liver biopsy, and impedance/pH monitoring in pediatric patients. The endoscopy simulator is available for training and exposure to those students who may be interested in a more hands-on experience with the endoscope.

In addition to the above, each clinical clerk will have one-on-one time with the attending for teaching, case-based discussions, and board review. The clinical clerk is given a textbook for reference during the rotation.

