

**NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

**DESCRIPTION OF CLINICAL CLERKSHIP**

**PEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

**LOCATION:** Naval Medical Center, San Diego will be the site of all clinical training for rotating medical students in cardiology.

**LENGTH OF ROTATION:** Four weeks.

**SCHEDULING:** Clinical clerkships in Pediatric Infectious Diseases are arranged by the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Office at the Naval Medical Center San Diego. This office forwards requests to the Pediatrics 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:**

There is currently 1 board certified pediatric infectious diseases specialist at NMCS D whose duties include clinical care, teaching, research, and residency administration.

The clinical clerks will work directly with the pediatric infectious diseases (ID) staff, and will be provided the opportunity to observe and/or participate in the range of pediatric ID care provided at our facility. The clerk will be encouraged to see a variety of inpatient and outpatient referrals with direct supervision by the staff.

The majority of consults are inpatient consults, with ½ day of clinic per week (travel clinic, outpatient referrals, and inpatient follow-ups), generally on Monday mornings. Clinical experience will vary from month to month depending on the demands of the inpatient services, this rotation can be either heavily clinical or mainly independent learning. When time allows, didactic session based on readings will occur. Common topics of discussion might include antibiotic use, acute otitis media, MRSA, tuberculosis, and vaccines.

Generally 4<sup>th</sup> year clerks will present a case at pediatric morning report near the end of the rotation.

Clerks are expected to attend pediatric morning report at 0740 in the nutrition conference room. Optional conferences include a city-wide infectious diseases conference at Rady Children's hospital Thursdays at 1630, and an adult ID conference at NMCS D every Friday at 0900.

The Residency Goals and Objectives can be found in enclosure (1), which contains a comprehensive list of topics.

**RECOMMENDED READING:**

- AAP Committee on Infectious Diseases :The Redbook. 2012
- Topic based articles available on the Sharepoint drive at NMCS D (available to you during the clerkship)

**POINT OF CONTACT:**

For further questions, initially contact the Medical Student coordinator, Ms. Alex Littleton @ 619-532-9405. If needed, the pediatric ID specialist is: CDR John Arnold.