

**NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

DESCRIPTION OF CLINICAL CLERKSHIP

PEDIATRIC INPATIENT WARD

LOCATION:

Naval Medical Center San Diego – 2 EAST

LENGTH OF ROTATION:

Four weeks.

REQUIREMENTS:

The clerk should have previous pediatric inpatient experience. Prior approval for the clerkship is the responsibility of the clerk. This includes obtaining permission from his/her medical school if this rotation is to be considered part of the academic year or serve as a sub-internship requirement.

GOALS:

The clerkship is designed to provide a sub-internship level experience on the inpatient pediatric service. The goal is to learn hospital medicine in the context of caring for children of all ages. By the end of the rotation the 4th-year medical student should feel confident being the primary medical personnel for several children at a time while managing new admissions and coordinating discharges working alongside a supervising resident and staff pediatrician.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

The Pediatric ward is an 18 bed unit which is staffed by 4-5 board certified pediatricians as well as 2 pediatric nurse practitioners (PNP). The ward admits a large mix of medical and surgical issues. The scope of patients includes neonates up through 21 year-olds. The clinical clerks will work directly with the pediatric resident and pediatric staff and are fully integrated into the Ward care team. The clerks will serve as the primary caregiver for selected patients within the Ward as determined by the senior resident throughout the clerkship. During that time the clerk will participate in all aspects of patient care including formation of treatment plans, diagnostic and therapeutic procedures and family care conference meetings. The clinical clerks will be involved in ER consultations and management in transfers to/from the pediatric intensive care unit (PICU). In addition, the clerk will be present for morning report Monday – Friday, participate in bedside teaching rounds, didactic resident lectures and potential training scenarios and simulations as they occur in the ward workspaces.