

**NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

**PEDIATRIC SURGERY DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY**

DESCRIPTION OF CLINICAL CLERKSHIP PEDIATRIC SURGERY

LOCATION:

The clinical clerkship will be served in the Division of Pediatric Surgery of the Department of Surgery at the Naval Medical Center, San Diego.

LENGTH: Four weeks

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Clinical clerks will be under the supervision of the Staff Pediatric Surgeon. The clerk will be part of a team that includes the General Surgery resident assigned to Pediatric Surgery. Occasionally there are surgical interns assigned to the team. The clerk will attend all weekly scheduled educational conferences of the department of Surgery, including Morbidity & Mortality and Saturday didactic integral parts training conferences. On Friday at noon the Pediatric Surgeon conducts the famous "Fireside Conference" for all hearty enough to attend and bask in the wealth of knowledge exchanged. The clerk will be expected to attend all clinic activities and be present for all scheduled operative cases. Teaching rounds are conducted on a daily basis. If time permits, educational pathology conference is held weekly. The clerk should anticipate a request to prepare and present several brief discourses on clinical material or case studies based on patients under the care of the team.

EXPERIENCE:

Clinical clerks assigned to Pediatric Surgery at NMCS D can expect to see a diverse population of infants and children with problems dealt with by the pediatric surgeon in an inpatient and outpatient setting. The team covers patients in neonatal and pediatric intensive care units as well as a general med-surg pediatric ward. Basics of diagnosis and treatment of surgical disease of infancy and childhood will be learned. Principles of fluid management, nutrition and basics of surgical care will be addressed. The clerk will be exposed to a wide variety of pediatric surgical operative procedures. The service performs an average of 400 to 425 operating room procedures each year.