1. How would you rate your overall experience?
   Poor/Fair/Good/Very Good/ Excellent
2. How many hours did you work on average per day and/or per week?
   Generally around 40-50 hours/week.
3. What were your daily duties? (Summarize)
   I did a two month hybrid rotation with BIDMC. Half was a regular clinical EM rotation (15 shifts in 1 month, one conference day and one lecture day a week, test at end of rotation). The other half was EM clinical informatics. Duties from this half consisted primarily of programming software and working on EM Informatics research in an office setting (M-F 9 to 5).
4. Who did you work with most?
   NPs/PAs/Interns/Residents/ Fellows/Attendings
5. Which attendings had the greatest influence on your experience or your education?
   On the clinical side BIDMC gives you excellent exposure to their residency/departmental leadership (Drs. Rosen, Wolfe, Tibbles, Edlow, Fisher, Ullman, and others). On the informatics side your work is mostly with Drs. Nathanson and Horng – the department’s clinician informaticists – who are also fantastic.
6. Did this rotation impact your interest in this program? How so?
   Absolutely, I would love to do a residency here.
7. Did this rotation help you get an interview?
   Yes, they automatically interviewed everyone who did an EM rotation with them.
8. Did you get a letter of recommendation?
   Yes, a SLoR from the clinical half of the rotation and a personal letter from the informatics half.
9. Did you meet with or work with the Residency Program Director or the Department Chair?
   Yes.
10. How did you apply for the rotation? Did you use VSAS?
    I applied independently by contacting Dr. Horng, who runs the informatics rotation. If you’re interested in just the regular clinical EM rotation, you need to apply through Harvard Medical School.
11. What month(s) was your rotation?
    August and October.
12. When did you apply? When did you get accepted?
    First contacted program around March. Negotiated details for a bit but everything was arranged by April. I would add that during my August month I made significant changes to the plan (moved my second month from December to October, picked up the clinical half of the rotation) and they were extremely helpful and accommodating.
13. Were there any special requirements for the rotation (i.e. BLS recertification, LOR, etc.)

   No, but if you arrange for the regular EM rotation through HMS that might be different (they require a LOT of paperwork and are kind of pain to deal with). If you do any shifts in the ED you will need standard medical clearance and some other paperwork. BLS/ALS/PALS was not required of me, but check with the department.

14. If you used VSAS, were there any unexpected/additional requirements you found out about after initially submitted your application, or after being accepted?

   Did not use VSAS

15. Is Housing provided? If not, can you recommend housing options?


16. Is parking provided? If not, any recommendations?

   Parking can be obtained for commuting purposes with BIDMC (i.e. not for 24/7 parking) for quite cheap. I arranged for parking with a nearby garage for one month and it is somewhat expensive (a little more pricy than Philly) but relatively easy to do.

17. Would you recommend this rotation to future students?

   Absolutely.

18. Any other comments/suggestions/tips?

   Again, I essentially did two rotations here, regular EM and EM informatics. The Informatics half is a really rare opportunity, especially if you’re interested in EM. There aren’t many places you can get this kind of informatics exposure. For anyone not interested in informatics but just thinking of doing a regular clinical EM rotation here, it is excellent for that as well. This is a VERY academic environment, so if you are looking for a different type of setting (i.e. more community based or more fast-paced/trauma heavy) this may not be the rotation for you, but overall this is an excellent clinical EM rotation.

19. OPTIONAL: Would you like to include your contact information?

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