Course Name/ Jefferson Elective: Hepatology – MED 478

Location: Inpatient and Outpatient at TJUH

1. What form of transportation did you use? N/A
2. What month did you take this elective? Block 10 (July)
3. What were your daily duties?
   Pre-round and round on patients, write progress notes and do consults for the inpatient service. Whenever you have free time, head to the outpatient office and see new patients in the Hepatology office.
4. How many hours per week were you on duty?
   Normal day was 5:30am to 4-5pm. No weekends.
5. What was the call schedule? Were you able to pick your shifts or trade with peers? No call
6. Were there any specific requirements such as lectures, papers, examinations or presentations? None
7. Was there teaching by Attendings? Which Attending left the most impact on you? Great deal of teaching by all liver attendings and the GI fellows. This was the best aspect of the rotation. Dr. Navarro, although he can be intimidating, was a supreme role model. He expects a lot out of you as a student but he makes you better at everything you do.
8. Were you able to attend interviews during your rotation? N/A
9. Did you have to make up for missing interview days? No
10. Did you get a letter of recommendation? Yes
11. How would you rate your overall experience? Poor/Fair/Good/Very Good/ Excellent
   Excellent
12. Would you recommend this elective to future students? 100%. I would recommend this course first among any 4th year electives for someone interested in GI especially, or if they just want to learn a lot about medicine.
13. **Any other comments, suggestions or tips?** The hepatology elective differs from being a sub-I on the yellow service in a few ways. Yellow 3/4 are the primary services covering all of the Liver patients and therefore they will be the ones ordering labs and taking care of daily duties (including discharge work). You will round with the two yellow teams every other day and when you do, they write all the progress notes. On the other day, you round just with the two GI fellows and the liver attending. That you never need to discharge patients, deal with case management or the daily checklists is a major perk of the elective. In addition to the patients covered by Yellow 3/4, you will often have transplant patients that you will round on. There are GI conferences you attend and also path conference on Fridays. The rotation is demanding in the sense that patients with liver disease are very sick and very complicated. You need to get in early so that you have time to read about anything that might come up overnight with your patients. Be prepared to workup many endocrine and infectious complications in these patients. There is one article that you should make sure you read "Management of adult patients with ascites due to cirrhosis: an update" by Bruce Runyon (part of the AASLD guidelines).

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

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