

Pediatric Rheumatology Elective

Elective rotation available for residents of all training levels

Value of the Rotation

- o Opportunity to function in the role of an inpatient consultant for a patient in a variety of different locations in the hospital
- o Opportunity to evaluate a wide variety of patients in the subspecialty clinic setting
- o Opportunity to gain knowledge, skills, and resources, as they relate to pediatric rheumatology

Broad Goal:

- o Residents completing this elective rotation will develop broad skills related to the field of Pediatric Rheumatology to help further their training as well-round general pediatricians

Objectives:

- o Recognize Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis, Spondyloarthropathies, Lupus, and Dermatomyositis
- o Appreciate the risk of uveitis in various childhood rheumatic diseases.
- o Distinguish malignancy and musculoskeletal infections from rheumatic disorders based on physical exam, lab, and radiographic findings
- o Recognize common conditions presenting with musculoskeletal pain
- o Be able to interpret common Rheumatology lab results
- o Distinguish when and when not to refer patients to Pediatric Rheumatology
- o Develop skills, including professionalism and communication, as related to the role of being an inpatient consultant

Expectations:

- o This is primarily an outpatient, clinic based elective rotation.
- o The Pediatric Rheumatology offices are on the 5th floor of ASB but the clinics are primarily at the Middletown clinic site (3100 Schoolhouse Road)
- o Residents will see patients with attendings and fellows in the Pediatric Rheumatology clinics and when appropriate Adult Rheumatology clinics
- o When inpatient consults are available, residents will participate in these as well
- o There are optional outreach clinics in a variety of different cities throughout the month, which residents will have to option to attend if desired
- o Residents will complete a pre-test early on in the rotation

Schedule:

- o Prior to the start of the rotation, residents will be contacted by the Pediatric Rheumatology office regarding logistics of when and where to arrive on your first day and a Welcome Letter
- o A schedule will be provided by the Pediatric Rheumatology department, either before the rotation starts, or on the first day of the rotation

- o Residents are expected to be available via page for consults and clinic from 8am-5pm, Monday - Friday.
- o There are no night or weekend responsibilities directly related to this elective, however residents may be needed to staff cross-covers on the weekends and occasionally during the week.
- o The only general exceptions are Thursday afternoons, when time is protected for didactics, and their assigned continuity clinic afternoon. Other exceptions, will be listed on the block docs that are sent out prior to the start of the rotation.
- o Residents are expected to communicate with the attending early in the rotation if other time is going to be missed, such as for a doctor's appointment.

Reading/Resources:

- o No specific resources have been assigned for this rotation. The following are useful resources that the resident can obtain information related to pathology and patient care/guidelines:

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Individualized Curriculum:

- o This rotation can be done in 2 or 4 week blocks.
- o There is a 1 week long summer camp offered each July, Camp JRA, that if residents complete the elective during this month then they are able to spend the week at camp if they are interested.
- o If 4 weeks of this rotation are completed, this will count as a core elective.

Feedback & Evaluation:

- o Residents can expect to receive verbal feedback on a continuous basis from the attendings on service during their rotation. Formal written evaluation will be completed in New Innovations at the end of the rotation by hospitalist attendings.

Questions & Concerns:

Please contact _____? with any questions, concerns or clarifications regarding this elective.