Internal Medicine - Respiratory Medicine

Jewish General Hospital

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Elective Description

This elective is available to one Clerkship student at any one time. Students will be accepted only during periods in which the consultation service has either a chest resident or a medical resident.

Participation in both in-patient and out-patient activities with opportunity to see patients with a wide variety of respiratory problems. Correlation of clinical, radiographic and physiologic data is encouraged.

The student will have ample opportunity to read about various respiratory problems encountered; to consult Medline and the Divisional CD-ROMs.

The student will have contact with many different members of the Respiratory staff in the outpatient department, at rounds, etc.

Elective Duration

2, 3 or 4 weeks

Educational Objectives

Provide appropriate history and differential diagnoses for respiratory conditions; provide appropriate management plans. Gain experience with radiology interpretation of chest Xray and CT scans, as well as pulmonary physiology.

Prerequisites

Previous exposure to other clinical rotations.

Scope of Work

Monday to Friday with no weekend call; exposure to inpatient and outpatient consultations, as well as multidisciplinary interactions with team members.
## Recommended Reading/Preparation

Up-to-date topics in respiratory medicine, asthma/ COPD guidelines

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### Elective Description

The rotation that you will soon start represents a different model of educational experience. You will spend time on the consultation service, and the respiratory ward. You will also have the opportunity to interpret pulmonary function tests throughout your rotation.

Trainees will have access to a web-based platform through MyCourses which will include learning objectives, lectures on topics in respirology, as well as suggested relevant readings (including guidelines, reviews, and landmark papers). It will be organized into learning modules that will have to be completed by trainees for their successful completion of the rotation.

Members of our division are committed to teaching and will help you reach your learning objectives. We ask that you do the following in order to optimize your learning experience:

- Review the learning objectives for the rotation to orient your reading and studying
- Complete all the learning modules of the online curriculum
- Attend the clinical and teaching rounds as outlined in your schedule
- Meet with the attending staff assigned to PFT reading weekly. You will be given his/her contact information; it is your responsibility to arrange for a weekly meeting of about 30 minutes.
Elective Duration
2, 3 or 4 weeks

Educational Objectives
The general objective is to diversify the usual inpatient experience and complement it with exposure to outpatient care, basic pulmonary procedures, and respiratory physiology testing.

Prerequisites
Be at least a 4th year medical student.

Scope of Work
The respiratory medicine rotation at the MUHC will consist of 2 weeks of in-patient consultation services and 1 week of in-patient responsibilities.

Trainees will be exposed to basic ultrasound-guided pleural procedures.

Trainees will also have the occasion to read pulmonary function tests longitudinally during their rotation.

Depending on trainee’s level, preferences, and the presence of other trainees, other formats could also be accommodated, including exposure to the respiratory ICU.

This respiratory medicine elective will be able to accommodate 2 students per period.

Consultation service
The trainees will spend two weeks on the respiratory consultation service, performing consultations in the emergency room and on the wards at either the MGH or Glen site.

Respiratory Ward
Trainees will assume responsibilities for 2-5 patients under direct supervision by the attendings and senior residents (if present).

Ward routine typically includes daily “walking rounds” on all patients with both attendings in the morning. Ward patient care is jointly provided by family medicine (hospitalist) and respirologists. This will be a unique opportunity for the trainees to work within a model rarely seen in the major tertiary hospitals.

Pulmonary function test interpretation
Trainees will have the occasion to interpret PFTs under the direct supervision of the MD assigned to
the lab. Meetings with the staff will be scheduled once or twice per week throughout the rotation to review PFTs.

**Recommended Reading/Preparation**

You will have access to an online learning curriculum through the McGill Mycourses platform (which you can access using your McGill username and password). This curriculum is organized into learning modules which contain lectures on topics in respiratory medicine as well as suggested reading material. Completion of all the learning modules is a mandatory requirement for successful completion of your rotation.

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**St. Mary's Hospital**

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An opportunity to assess pulmonary diseases from a clinical and radiologic viewpoint. The focus would be both a bottom-up and top-down approach in terms of developing differentials and arriving at specific diagnoses. The experience at a community teaching hospital would reflect what physicians starting practice would encounter in their practices, in contrast to working in a tertiary care institution. This is a consultation service involving both in-patients and out-patients.

This elective is offered in **Periods 3, 5, 9 and 13**.

**Elective Duration**

2, 3 or 4 weeks

**Educational Objectives**

Developing competency in assessment of chest x-rays and CT scans; Assessing patients with respiratory symptoms; Evaluation and therapy of patients with obstructive and restrictive lung disease.
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