

Pediatric Rheumatology			
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#### Site

Montreal Children's Hospital

#### **Elective Duration**

4 weeks

## **Educational Objectives**

At the end of a rotation in pediatric rheumatology, the medical student is able to:

- 1. To acquire the basic skills of history taking and physical examination as they relate to the patient with a rheumatic problem.
- 2. To learn how to conduct a complete musculoskeletal and joint examination.
- 3. To learn how to distinguish joints that are actively inflamed from those that are not.
- 4. To learn how to acquire relevant information from patients with multi-system disease and to synthesize this information for ease of presentation.
- 5. To become familiar with the different types of chronic arthritis of childhood and to learn how such cases are managed, with a particular emphasis on pharmacology.
- 6. To become familiar with the different connective tissue diseases and to learn about their unique presentation in childhood.
- 7. To become very familiar with Kawasaki Disease Its presentation, diagnosis, complications, etiopathogenesis and treatment.

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- 8. To learn how to manage the child who presents with acute arthralgias/arthritis with a particular emphasis on identifying bone and joint septic processes.
- 9. To develop an understanding of musculoskeletal pain syndromes and their unique presentation and management in children.

## **Prerequisites**

Completion of rotation in General Pediatrics

## **Scope of Work**

- 1. The medical student's primary responsibility is to all patients he/she sees during the rotation, both inpatient and outpatient.
- 2. Attendance at all clinics, multidisciplinary team meetings, rounds and academic activities is a requirement of the rotation.
- 3. The medical student is responsible for undertaking a presentation on a topic of interest at some point during the rotation.

# **Recommended Reading/Preparation**

A binder with selected articles on pediatric rheumatology topics will be given to the medical student at the beginning of the rotation.



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