



Internal Medicine – Chronic Viral Infections (CVI)

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Elective Description

This elective is offered to Clerkship students. The student will be under the supervision of internists and family physicians who follow HIV+, hepatitis C (and other) patients in an ambulatory setting. Elective requests for periods of less than 3 weeks duration will not be considered.

During this elective, the clerk will develop skills in history taking, physical examination, investigation, and counselling of patient at various stages of their illness. They will also be exposed to various concepts of treatment and prophylaxis of the various medical complications of these patients. The student will work closely with each of several physicians, seeing patients under the supervision of the staff. The student will see both patients coming for follow-up visits and efforts will be made to have them see new patients referred for initial evaluations. Although not obligatory, the student will be welcome to join the staff on their daily in-patient rounds. On occasion, the student may be asked to consult, in conjunction with a staff person or fellow, on a patient in the emergency room.

Scope of Work

The experience will be primarily clinical, and the teaching is mainly informal, and case-oriented. Weekly rounds in which all the in-patients and out-patients with particular clinical difficulties are discussed. There is a weekly journal club, and the student will be asked to have an active participation at these meetings.

Recommended Reading/Preparation

Pertinent up-to-date references both on general aspects of HIV disease and more specifically on various topics that are commonly seen, will be made available at the beginning of the rotation.



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