

Description of Resident Rotation: Allergy-Immunology Elective Rotation

A. General Information

1. Rotation Length: 2-4 weeks as determined by resident in consultation with Program Director and faculty.
2. Faculty: Jay Brown, M.D. & Edward Nassif, M.D.
(McFarland Clinic, Ames)
3. Contact Person to schedule rotation: Joyce Johnston, Admin Asst, 515-956-4146

B. Orientation to Rotation

1. Resident should contact the supervising faculty prior to the start of the rotation to discuss the specific schedule for the month. Drs. Brown and Nassif are located at 1215 Duff Ave, Ames, Iowa (Allergy Clinic phone 515-239-4482).
2. The resident should report to Drs. Brown and Nassif's office at the agreed upon time on the first day of the rotation. Office staff will provide some orientation to the office and patient examination areas. Dr. Brown or Dr. Nassif will then review with each resident how patients will be seen and evaluated during the rotation.

C. Objectives and Description of Rotation

1. Educational Purpose: The resident will obtain a broad exposure to allergy-immunology clinical problems during the 2-4 week rotation. The resident will become familiar with those aspects of care in allergy-immunology that are diagnosed and managed by general internists and those that should be referred to, or managed jointly with, allergy-immunology specialists.
2. Specific review of the following clinical conditions, including principles of management and indication for referral will be addressed:
 - a. Rhinitis and sinusitis
 - b. Asthma
 - c. Allergic skin conditions
 - d. Anaphylaxis, including insect stings
 - e. Drug allergy
 - f. Diagnostic testing in allergy
 - g. Immunodeficiency syndromes
 - h. Immunologic lung diseases
 - i. Immunologic diagnostic testing
 - j. Allergen immunotherapy treatments

D. Ancillary Education Materials

Each resident should review The Expert Guide to Allergy and Immunology by R.G. Slavin and R.P. Reisman, Versa Press, 1999. The full text can be checked out from the Internal Medicine Residency office library and reviewed during the course of the rotation. Additional papers and allergy-immunology textbooks may be available through Dr. Brown's office.

E. Patient Care Mechanics

1. The resident will see a variable number of patients depending on the volume of patients presenting for evaluation and the complexity of patients encountered. The resident will typically see patients from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
2. Medical Record Documentation: The resident will be responsible for documenting patient visits in the medical record as requested and approved by Dr. Brown.
3. Residents working with Dr. Brown in Ames will be excused from conference attendance requirements.
4. Residents will be expected to attend their weekly continuity clinics and the schedule for these clinics should be presented to Dr. Brown prior to the start of the rotation.

F. Evaluations

At the end of the rotation, the resident will be evaluated by the supervising faculty. Personal feedback will be provided and an evaluation form will be completed and returned to the residency office. The evaluation form will be reviewed and signed by the resident.

The resident will be evaluated by faculty in each of the required six general competency areas as follows:

1. **Patient Care:** Demonstrate ability to effectively interview and examine patients with allergy-immunology concerns.
2. **Medical Knowledge:** Demonstrate understanding of common allergy and immunology problems encountered in patients.

3. **Practice-Based Learning:** Demonstrate ability to identify gaps in knowledge and skills in the care of patients with common allergy-immunology concerns and demonstrate real-time strategies to address these gaps.
4. **Interpersonal and Communication Skills:** Demonstrate adequate communication abilities in dealings with patients seen during the rotation. Demonstrate timely and complete medical records.
5. **Professionalism:** Demonstrate respectful behavior towards patients and families, colleagues, nurses and other allied health personnel. Always protect patient confidentiality and provide informed consent.
6. **Systems-Based Practice:** Collaborate with nursing and other allied health care providers to assure timely, comprehensive care provided and assure proper follow-up is arranged.

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