

Description of Resident Rotation: Pathology Elective Rotation

A. General Information

1. Rotation Length: 2 weeks
2. Faculty: Staff pathologists at IMMC and Pathology Laboratory, PC
 Kathleen Hansen, M.D. (Course Director)
3. Logistics of Rotation: The resident should contact the course director Dr. Hansen prior to the start of the rotation to discuss the specific schedule for the month. Dr. Hansen is located in the Surgical Pathology office of the IMMC Clinical Laboratory on Level A. The Pathology Department phone number is 241-6445.

B. Objectives and Description of Rotation

1. Primary Educational Purpose: The resident will obtain a broad exposure to clinical pathology and will have opportunities to learn about outpatient and inpatient clinical laboratory medicine, surgical pathology, blood banking and anatomic pathology during the rotation.
2. Principal Teaching Methods: The resident can spend time in any or all of the above areas, working one-on-one with the pathologist and laboratory personnel in these areas.
3. Specific review of the following areas is available to residents:
 - a. The Clinical Laboratory, including the areas of hematology, chemistry, microbiology, and special immunology testing
 - b. The Blood Bank
 - c. Review of surgical pathology specimens
 - d. Participation in and review of anatomic pathology studies, including forensic pathology

C. Ancillary Education Materials

Textbooks of pathology and relevant reading materials specific to concerns addressed with the resident will be available for review during the course of the rotation.

D. Mechanics of Rotation / Clinical Responsibilities

1. The resident will work with pathologists in the assigned areas to review laboratory studies such as peripheral blood smears, microbiologic studies, chemistry laboratory results, surgical pathology specimens, and anatomic pathology studies including gross and microscopic autopsy findings.

2. Conferences: The resident will be expected to attend Wednesday morning Grand Rounds and all noon conferences of the residency Program.
3. Resident Continuity Clinics: The resident will need to attend weekly continuity of care clinics during this rotation.

E. Evaluation

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 review a wide variety of different pathology including smears, biopsies, and surgical and anatomic pathology specimens.
2. Medical Knowledge: Recognize common pathologic exam findings encountered during the rotation.
3. Practice-Based Learning: Demonstrate ability to identify gaps in knowledge and skills in common pathology concerns and demonstrate real-time strategies to address these gaps.
4. Interpersonal and Communication Skills: Demonstrate adequate communication abilities in dealings with pathologists and staff during the rotation. Demonstrate timely and complete medical records.
5. Professionalism: Demonstrate respectful behavior towards other physicians and other allied health personnel encountered during the rotation. Always protect patient confidentiality and provide informed consent.
6. Systems-Based Practice: Collaborate with other allied health care providers to assure timely, comprehensive care provided and assure proper follow-up is arranged.

