

655 P-Clinical HIV Care (8) (reviewed 12/1/04)

Offered: AWSpS; 4 weeks full-time.
Prerequisite: Med 665.
Total Enrollment: 1
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Goals:

- The purpose of this elective is to provide students with an intensive one month experience caring for HIV infected patients.
- Students will become familiar with the outpatient management of HIV infected patients including the administration of anti-retroviral therapy, medications to prevent opportunistic infections and the primary care issues unique to HIV+ patients.
- Students will learn to manage the acute medical problems of hospitalized HIV patients by working with the infectious diseases service and providing consultations to the primary teams responsible for HIV infected inpatients.

Objectives:

- Learn the key elements of providing primary care to HIV infected patients.
- Become familiar with anti-retroviral therapy and treatments to prevent opportunistic infections.
- Identify and treat the opportunistic infections and cancers suffered by HIV+ patients.
- Recognize and treat the metabolic complications of HIV and HIV therapy (e.g., lipodystrophy, hyperlipidemia, diabetes mellitus).
- Identify and help manage psychosocial problems such as depression, homelessness and substance abuse that many HIV+ patients face.
- Recognize and help manage the acute medical problems of hospitalized HIV+ patients.
- Help coordinate the transition of patients from the inpatient to the outpatient setting.

Schedule:

Students will split their time between the Madison Clinic (Harborview HIV Clinic) and the inpatient HIV consult service. Students will usually see patients with regular providers (including residents, fellows, mid-level practitioners and faculty) in the Madison Clinic at the beginning (8:30 - 11:00 am) and end (2:30 - 5:00 pm) of each day. Mid-day (11:00 am - 2:30 pm) students will round on HIV+ inpatients and interact with the ID/HIV consult service. Daily schedules vary considerably depending on the activity of the inpatient consult service, the clinic and the particular interests of the student.

Conferences:

Students are invited to attend the HIV noon conference series (presentations given once or twice per month, September through June), the HIV journal club (twice per month, September through June), the HIV Case Conference (twice per month), the city-wide AIDS Clinical Conference (monthly) and the city-wide infectious diseases conference. (Wednesday afternoons).

Presentations:

No formal presentations are scheduled.

Readings/texts:

Students will be provided an HIV manual constructed by the clinic. The manual contains reprints covering anti-retroviral therapy, treatment and prophylaxis of opportunistic infections and standard-of-care guidelines for HIV infected patients. Students are also encouraged to access the web-based HIV case based module series designed by David Spach and the other UW faculty (<http://depts.washington.edu/hiv aids/>)

Evaluation:

University of Washington Student Performance in the Clinical Curriculum.