

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SUB-SPECIALTY CLINIC ROTATION

Location:

University of Washington Medical Center/Harborview Medical Center (TB Clinic)

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OVERALL EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE

- A. To acquire knowledge of and have clinical experience in the outpatient management of a wide variety of problems in patients with less common pulmonary diseases, including cystic fibrosis, lung transplantation, pulmonary hypertension, tuberculosis, neuromuscular disease and interstitial lung diseases.
- B. To acquire knowledge of and ability to interpret chest x-rays, thoracic CT scans, radionuclide lung scans, and pulmonary angiograms in the diagnosis and treatment of these disorders.
- C. To become more skilled and sensitive in interacting with patients, families and caregivers by developing clinical competence in the ethical, legal and economic aspects of chronic lung disease.

TEAM STRUCTURE

Each outpatient clinic will be staffed by one or more attending physicians who will supervise the fellow.

PRINCIPAL TEACHING METHODS

Case discussion and review

All attending physicians in these clinics are national experts in the disease common to each clinic. Teaching will revolve around individual case presentations, as the fellow will review each patient seen with the attending. Teaching will be focused on practical aspects of the care of patients with less common pulmonary diseases, as well as on the pathophysiology underlying the disease and active areas of current basic and clinical research.

EDUCATIONAL CONTENT

Mix of Diseases

Each clinic focuses on a single disease entity. Combined, these clinics allow a concentrated exposure to less common, but important, lung diseases that may not be fully represented in the general continuity clinic.

Patient Characteristics

Care will be provided to out-patients in the ambulatory clinic setting. Patients are often referred in from all parts of the Pacific Northwest to receive the specialized care available at the UWMC.

Types of Clinical Encounters

New patient visits will generally be scheduled for one hour, follow-up patients for 30 minutes. Usually, the fellow will see and evaluate the patient prior to presenting the case to the attending. The fellow and attending will be responsible for planning a diagnostic strategy and for recommending or prescribing treatments.

Procedures

In general, very few procedures are performed on this rotation. If a bronchoscopy is needed, this should be scheduled with the consult fellow on call.

Services

The sub-specialty clinics provide both primary and consultative care. Spirometry is available in all clinics and more specialized diagnostics, patient education and treatment tools are available in the appropriate clinics (e.g. cough velocity in neuromuscular clinic).

Rotation Specific Schedule

Monday

AM-Adult Cystic Fibrosis Clinic
PM-Thoracic Surgery Clinic

Tuesday

AM-Lung Transplantation Clinic
PM-Continuity Clinic (for most fellows)

Wednesday

AM-Tuberculosis Clinic (HMC)
PM-Pulmonary Hypertension Clinic

Thursday

AM-Reading Time

PM-Harborview Conferences

Friday

AM-Neuromuscular Clinic

PM-Interstitial Lung Disease Clinic

Call and Weekend Responsibilities

None.

Principle Educational Materials Used**Recommended Readings**

See Division syllabus.

Pathologic materials

Review of patient samples.

METHODS USED IN EVALUATING RESIDENT AND PROGRAM PERFORMANCE

At the end of the rotation, the resident is evaluated and their performance reviewed with them verbally by every attending and fellow he or she has interacted with for a significant amount of time.

The resident is given the opportunity to evaluate in writing the quality of the curriculum and the extent to which the educational goals and objectives of the rotation have been met. The resident also evaluates the teaching competence of each attending and fellow with whom s/he has interacted for a significant amount of time.

EXPLICIT LINES OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR CARE OF PATIENTS ON THIS SERVICE

All fellows will be directly supervised by an attending physician when providing care in the clinics.