

**Externships for Visiting Medical Students**  
**Rotation on the Obstetrics Service**

Visiting senior medical students will be assigned to a Parkland Memorial Hospital Obstetrics Service team and will work primarily under the guidance of a third-year resident (PGY-3), supervised by in-house faculty.

On average, the obstetrical service delivers more than 1,000 women a month. This patient volume provides an outstanding clinical experience in the intrapartum management of complicated patients. Concurrently, externs will have the opportunity to participate in numerous vaginal deliveries.

As part of the obstetrics team, externs will follow the schedule of their team’s PGY-3. They will be on call every fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) day for a 24-hour period and will have the following day off after completion of rounds. During the rotation, externs will be given progressively more responsibility in performing uncomplicated vaginal deliveries and assisting with cesarean deliveries and tubal ligations. Outpatient experience consists of regular participation in OB Complications Clinic.

This rotation provides an unparalleled exposure to all aspects of clinical obstetrics. Many uncommon or rare diagnoses are routinely managed.

**Sample Weekly Rotation Schedule**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Day 1	7 a.m.–5 p.m. 5 p.m.–7 a.m.	Parkland Labor & Delivery and Extended Care Unit In-house Night Call – Parkland Labor & Delivery
Day 2	All day	Ward Rounds – followed by day off.*
Day 3	8 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 8 a.m.–5 p.m.	Scheduled cesarean deliveries OB Complications Clinic (see schedule on page 2)
Day 4	7 a.m.–5 p.m.	Parkland Labor and Delivery with PGY-3

\* You will get days off when the PGY-3 on your team is off. Your team will help you schedule those times.

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## Sample Weekly Rotation Schedule (continued)

Day	Time	Conferences
Every Wednesday	8–8:30 a.m. 9–10 a.m. 10–11 a.m. 11a.m.–noon	OB Conference in Labor and Delivery Obstetrics Conference Core Curriculum Conference Gynecology Grand Rounds
Fourth Thursday each month	Noon–1 p.m.	OB Anesthesia Conference

Day	OB Complications Clinic	
Monday	a.m.	Pre-Term Birth
	p.m.	Multiple Gestation / General Complications
Tuesday	a.m.	Gestational Diabetes
	p.m.	Genetics / Fetal Anomalies / General Complications
Wednesday	a.m.	A1 Gestational Diabetes
	p.m.	Overt Diabetes / Thyroid Diseases / General Complications
Thursday	a.m.	Infectious Diseases
	p.m.	General Complications
Friday	a.m.	Chronic Hypertension / Post-Term Clinic
	p.m.	General Complications