Goals and Objectives

Provide the resident with a complete and unified approach for the outpatient evaluation and management of patients with common gastrointestinal problems that pediatricians may encounter in the practice of general pediatrics.

Description of the elective

1. The elective is based in the gastroenterology outpatient clinic.
2. The resident will be assigned to evaluate patients with an attending physician during a clinic session.
3. The learning experience is case-based. During the elective, the resident will be exposed to a wide variety of patients with common gastrointestinal problems such as constipation, diarrhea, vomiting, gastroesophageal reflux disease, feeding and nutritional problems, chronic abdominal pain, inflammatory bowel diseases, acute and chronic hepatitis, abnormal liver tests and jaundice.
4. The resident will observe and participate in the procedures performed by fellows and attendings in the outpatient endoscopy unit and operating room. Procedures include upper endoscopies, colonoscopies, liver biopsies, gastrostomy tube placement and dilatations among others.
5. It is mandatory to present a talk on a Gastroenterology topic at the end of the rotation. An attending physician will supervise and help the resident with the presentation.
6. The resident is expected to fully participate in the Division’s activities during the elective period. Unless night call or continuity clinic interfere, the resident is expected to take part in all activities of our service.

Suggested reading materials

1. A pediatric gastroenterology manual prepared by gastroenterology staff will be provided at the beginning of the rotation.
2. Additional reading will be focused on the problems presented by particular patients seen during the clinics.

Duration of rotation: 4 weeks

The evaluation will be centered upon 3 major areas:

Knowledge

1. Knowledge of the facts
2. Understanding the concepts
3. Use of the resources

Skills

1. Problem solving
2. Verbal and written communication
3. Physical examination

Professionalism

1. Relates well to others
2. Accepts responsibilities
3. Shows motivation
4. Ability to prioritize
5. Feedback