

## **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 attending faculty.

On average, the obstetrical service delivers approximately 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.

See **Sample Weekly Rotation Schedule** on page 2.

## Sample Weekly Rotation Schedule

| Day   | Time                               | Activities  |
|-------|------------------------------------|---|
| Day 1 | 7 a.m.–5 p.m.<br>5 p.m.–7 a.m.     | Parkland Labor & Delivery and Extended Care Unit<br>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.<br>8 a.m.–5 p.m. | Scheduled cesarean deliveries<br>OB Complications Clinic (see schedule below)                       |
| 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.

| Day                               | Time             | Conferences                               |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|---|
| Every<br>Wednesday                | 7 a.m.–8 a.m.    | OB/GYN Grand Rounds                       |
|                                   | 8:30 a.m.–9 a.m. | OB Conference in Labor & Delivery – POD 1 |
|                                   | 9 a.m.–10 a.m.   | Gynecology Conference                     |
|                                   | 10 a.m.–11 a.m.  | OB Case Conference                        |
|                                   | 11 a.m.–12 noon  | Core Curriculum Conference                |
| Fourth<br>Wednesday<br>each month | 12 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                                     |