



NCA Pediatric Clerkship Welcome Letter

Welcome to the 3rd year Pediatric Clerkship here in the National Capital Area! We are truly excited to share our field of medicine with you in this unique tri-service community, and the site directors are here to help you gain the most out of your experience. All of the information you will need is located in the Pediatric Clerkship Handbook located at our course site in Sakai or at our clerkship website:

<http://www.usuhs.mil/pediatrics/education/resources/Clerkship%20Handbook%2011-12.pdf>

We will review the clerkship in detail during Orientation, which occurs on the first Monday of each round at USUHS; this takes the whole day. Our clerkship coordinator, Mrs. Carol Beadling, is very knowledgeable about the clerkship and she will be your primary point of contact for any clerkship-related administrative issues. She will send a reminder email to you, with the room assignment for Orientation, one week prior to the clerkship start date.

There are a few aspects of the clerkship that are unique to the NCA. Here you will rotate through two different Military Treatment Facilities. You will spend two weeks on the inpatient ward and one week on the newborn nursery at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC). You will spend three weeks doing outpatient pediatrics, with one week being at Malcolm Grow Medical Center (MGMC) at Andrews AFB and the other two weeks at WRNMMC-B. This diversified experience will give you a broad exposure to the practice of pediatric medicine in several settings.

Every Thursday you will return to USUHS and have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with your site director. During these meetings, you can discuss cases you have seen, go over any material you have questions about, and ensure you are up-to-date on all of your clerkship requirements. Thursday afternoons you will attend interactive case-based teaching sessions (CBILS) at USUHS.

The Simulation Center experience occurs during the last week of the rotation. This is a half-day activity that is always rated very highly by students. There is no specific preparation required for this session.

We look forward to working with you during this clerkship. Our current contact information is located in the front of your clerkship handbook. The handbook, current schedules, forms and more information are available at the Department website (<http://www.usuhs.mil/pediatrics/education/thirdyearclerkship.htm>) Should you have any questions, concerns or scheduling requests, please contact any of the site directors as soon as possible, preferably well before the start of the clerkship.

Respectfully,

The Education Section, Department of Pediatrics, USUHS