

Elective: Internal Medicine; Hepatology

INTRODUCTION

The Hepatology Elective is offered at the Health Sciences Centre and is an in- and out-patient clinical experience. It is a third and fourth year elective. The Hepatology consult service provides consultative advice regarding any in-patient with suspected or established liver disease. The consult service consists of a Hepatologist staff member, and at times, a GI or Hepatology Fellow, Internal Medicine Resident and/or Medical Student. After you have assessed the new consult, you should set up a time with the Hepatology staff member in order to review and learn from this case.

The student will see patients in a variety of Liver Clinics, at which time they will have the opportunity to see a new patient and have that case reviewed with the attending physician. There are three types of outpatient clinics. There are General Hepatology clinics and Viral Hepatitis Investigative Unit Clinics. These clinics are located primarily in the Health Sciences Centre. The history, physical, diagnosis, special tests and management will be discussed at this time. A reading outline will be provided on the student's first day, and a collection of current review articles will be provided during their orientation.

Availability

Most months are acceptable, however, January, July, August and December are difficult to accommodate due to attendings absences for conferences and breaks. Students often cannot be assigned until annual residents requests arriving between May to end of June have been accommodated.

Minimum or Maximum Period of Time:

While preference is for 4 weeks to accommodate orientation and better assessments, 3 week requests will be considered.

Number of Students Accepted:

One per time frame, per site. Preference will be given to Canadian Citizens.

Location(s):

Available at HSC only

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES (CanMEDS)

Medical Expert

As Medical Experts, physicians integrate all of the CanMEDS Roles, applying medical knowledge, clinical skills and professional attitudes in their provision of patient-centered care.

Communicator

Physicians effectively facilitate the doctor-patient relationship and the dynamic exchanges that occur before, during, and after the medical encounter.

Collaborator

Physicians effectively work within a healthcare team to achieve optimal patient care.

Leader

Physicians engage with others to contribute to a vision of a high-quality health care system and take responsibility for the delivery of excellent patient care through their activities as clinicians, administrators, scholars, or teachers.

Health Advocate

Physicians responsibly use their expertise and influence to advance the health and well-being of individual patients, communities and populations.

Scholar

Physicians demonstrate a lifelong commitment to reflective learning, as well as the creation, dissemination, application and translation of medical knowledge.

Professional

As Professionals, physicians are committed to the health and well-being of individuals and society through ethical practice, profession-led regulation, and high personal standards of behaviour.

INFORMATION

These are locations, readings, evaluations, call responsibilities, etc.

Required Reading

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Call Responsibilities

Call is required – one weekend of home call with a Hepatologist

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Student is responsible for bringing:

- Current security badge / ID badge from home University
- Evaluation forms from your University
- Your own lab coats (optional)
- A pager will be provided for you