Psychiatry / Neurology Clerkship Block

This clerkship is an eight-week experience with both clinical Psychiatry and Neurology. The major components of the clerkship are:

1) Inpatient clinical experiences in both Psychiatry and Neurology
2) Ambulatory clinical experiences in both Psychiatry and Neurology
3) Didactic sessions

The all-day orientation for the Psychiatry/Neurology clerkship begins at 8:00 a.m. on the first day of the rotation. Students will review and observe a Psychiatry attending conducting a brief psychiatric interview and mental status examination and practice a neurological exam in small groups. They will also attend four one-hour lectures on Stroke, Psychopharmacology, Neuroradiology, and Neuro-Ophthalmology.

Students will take two separate written NBME shelf examinations and receive an evaluation of their clinical skills in both Psychiatry and Neurology at the end of each four-week rotation. Summary evaluations in Psychiatry and Neurology are based on the NBME shelf exam, clinical skills evaluations, and timely completion of all core clerkship requirements. Separate evaluations will be completed by Psychiatry and Neurology for each student. Students are expected to provide feedback about the clerkship, to provide ongoing quality improvement.

PSYCHIATRY CLERKSHIP

The Psychiatry clerkship is a four-week experience in which the student is immersed in the practice of clinical psychiatry. The major components of the clerkship are:

1) Clinical care of patients with psychiatric illnesses in various settings including inpatient, outpatient, ER, and consultation
2) Site-specific didactic sessions
3) Recommended readings, study guide, podcasted lectures, and self-assessment questions on Gryphon

Clinical Experiences: Students will be assigned to one of five clinical sites: RNPH/UCLA, West LA VA, Harbor-UCLA, San Fernando Valley (Sepulveda VA Olive View), and Kedren Community Mental Health Center. Students do not take overnight call on the Psychiatry Clerkship. Specific details of call vary by site, but it will be approximately once per week, and will involve assessment of patients in the Emergency Department.

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PSYCHIATRY CLERKSHIP SITE DESCRIPTIONS

WLA-VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System – PS010 & PS010
Located within the VA Hospital in Brentwood, this site provides inpatient and outpatient psychiatric experiences focusing on treating mental health of veterans. Particular emphasis is placed on treatment of PTSD, Schizophrenia, Mood Disorders and Substance Abuse Disorders. Students work with UCLA psychiatry residents.

Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital at UCLA – PS011
This hospital is a 75-bed inpatient psychiatric unit offering rotational experiences on the child/adolescent, adult and geriatric inpatient psychiatric units. A wide variety of psychiatric and medical diagnoses are seen as well as a diverse set of patients reflecting the socioeconomic profile of greater Los Angeles. This rotation also offers students an opportunity to rotate on the inpatient consultation/liaison and emergency room psychiatry service that provides psychiatric care to patients in the Ronald Reagan Medical Center. Students work with UCLA psychiatry residents and fellows and UCLA San-Fernando VA psychiatry residents.

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center – PS013
Located in Torrance, CA, this is a county-funded medical and psychiatric hospital site that offers a frontline experience in working in one of the busiest psychiatric emergency rooms and inpatient psychiatric units in California. The patient profile is that of the underserved, county-funded population that suffer from a wide variety of psychiatric disorders. Students work with the UCLA Harbor psychiatry residents and fellows.

San Fernando Valley Medical Program – PS015
This rotation site is split between two different sites:

- Sepulveda VA Medical Center
  Rotating students will be able to experience the VA outpatient mental health clinics of the Sepulveda VA Medical Center, with an emphasis on the treatment of PTSD, mood disorders, substance abuse and psychotic disorders.

- Olive View-UCLA Medical Center
  Located in Sylmar, this rotation site offers a county-level experience in working on an adult inpatient psychiatric unit. The patient profile is that of the underserved, county-funded population that suffer from a wide variety of psychiatric disorders.

Students work with the UCLA San-Fernando VA psychiatry residents.

Kedren Community Mental Health Center – PS019
Located near downtown Los Angeles, Kedren Community Health Center offers comprehensive programs and services for children, transitional aged youth, adults and older adults experiencing serious or persistent mental illness or emotional disturbances. Medical students experience inpatient, outpatient and child/adolescent psychiatry. This rotation site is primarily intended for Charles Drew students. There are no psychiatry residents at this rotation site.
NEUROLOGY CLERKSHIP

During their four weeks of Neurology, students participate in weekly interactive teaching from the Neurology Casebook Series, for which students prepare by reading the cases in advance and developing thoughts about questions asked. Additional casebook teaching takes place through the residents and fellows at the clinical sites.

While on the Neurology clerkship, students will be assigned to one of the six clinical sites: RRUMC, Cedars-Sinai, West LA VA, Olive View-UCLA, Harbor-UCLA, or UCLA Porter Ranch for the duration of their four-week clinical experience.

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NEUROLOGY CLERKSHIP SITE DESCRIPTIONS

The Neurology Clerkship contains both inpatient and outpatient Neurology exposure. The sites include:

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Note: Students in RRMC Continuity are placed in PS011 & NE011 and students in VA Continuity are placed in PS010 & NE017.