

Title of Clerkship: Ophthalmology Elective – 4 weeks

Elective Type: Third year elective

Department: Surgery

Type of Elective: Clinical ☒ Non-Clinical/Research ☐ Basic Science ☐

Clerkship Site: UTM Vision Associates, 2865 North Reynolds Road, Toledo, OH 43615-2076

Course Number: OPTH760

Blocks available: All

Number of students per block: 2

Faculty: Various Ophthalmology Faculty

Elective Description/ Requirements: The students will have the opportunity to learn different techniques for examining the eye including slit lamp examination and indirect ophthalmoscopy. The student will evaluate patients with eye disorders in an outpatient setting. Students will obtain clinical experience in evaluating patients with diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, cataract, glaucoma as well as areas of Neuropathology and Pediatric Ophthalmology. Rotation will be organized by the faculty members based on student's level of training and area of interest.

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Links to Core Competencies

Educational Course Objectives: At the end of the rotation the student will be able to:

PC-1, PC-2, PC-3,
PC-4, PC-10, MK-1,
MK-4

Pc-7, PC-9, PBL-5,
PLB-7, MK-6, MK-7,
MK-8

PC-8, PC-10, MK-7
PC-8, MK-1, MK-2,
MK-4, MK-7

PC-8, PC-10, MK-7
PC-8, PC-10, MK-7,
PC-9, MK-4

PC-7, PC-8, PC-10,
PC-11, MK-16

1. Demonstrate and document the ability to perform adequate eye examination, including the fundamentals of slit lamp and dilated fundus exam.
2. Evaluate and diagnose common ophthalmic disorders.
3. Distinguish the relationship of ocular manifestations and systemic disease.
4. Establish treatment options for basic ophthalmic disease entities.
5. Management of ophthalmic disease in the pediatric and adult patient.
6. Management and treatment of emergent ophthalmic disorders.
7. Differentiate what conditions may be safely handled in a general practice vs. those which need to be referred to an ophthalmic specialist.

Professionalism: UT/COM students will meet or exceed the institutional standards for professionalism as stated in the current Core Competencies and the current Educational Course Objectives for the Sponsoring Department.

Instructional Methods:

1. Observation of patient examination in a clinical setting.
2. Supervised examination of ophthalmic patients.
3. Small group instruction.
4. Case studies.
5. Review of test including interpretation.
6. Observation of ophthalmic patients.

Evaluation methods Employed:

1. Clinical competency evaluations
2. Faculty/Resident observation
3. Professional assessments
4. Attendance
5. Case write up

Prerequisites: Passing score on USMLE Step 1.

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Special Requirements: Participation in night call is recommended because many cases come in after hours. A call schedule may be arranged per individual faculty member.