

Title of Clerkship: **Rheumatology Elective**

Elective Year(s): Fourth

Department: Internal Medicine

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

Clerkship Site: The University of Toledo Medical Center

Course Number: MEDI717

Blocks Available: All

Number of Students per Block: 1

Faculty: Bashar Kahaleh, M.D. and other various Rheumatology Faculty

Elective Description / Requirements: The intent of the clerkship is to make students skillful in the differential diagnosis of the common rheumatic disorders, the collagen vascular diseases and chronic pain syndromes. All students will be provided with a core packet of materials that form the scientific basis for the practice of rheumatology. The students make rounds on the consultative rheumatology service as well as participate in taking care of in-house hospital patients. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings and Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons will be spent in the clinic evaluating new clinic patients with rheumatic diseases and return visits from patients previously seen in the rheumatology clinic. The clinic experience will hopefully provide the opportunity for the student to gain experience in the art of arthrocentesis as well as the soft tissue injection. Emphasis will also be placed on the radiologic interpretation of rheumatic disease and rheumatology/radiology rounds constitute an important part of the rotation. During the rotation, the student will work closely with the resident or residents on the service.

Length of Clerkship: 4 weeks

Links to Core Competencies Educational Course Objectives
After completing the rotation, the student will be able to:

PC-2, PC-3 Interview and examine patients with the most common rheumatologic diseases.

MK-4 Recognize the symptoms and signs of the most common rheumatologic diseases.

PC-7 Describe the indications and establish the diagnostic significance of various tests used in the identification of infectious diseases.

PC-8 Synthesize the clinical and laboratory information and create a pertinent problem list.

PC-8 Analyze the clinical and laboratory data and arrive at a reasonable diagnostic hypothesis.

PC-8 Outline plans for management and treatment of the most common infectious diseases.

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

Instructional Methods: Small group – clinical skills
Interpretation of lab data
Diagnostic tests – use/interpretation
Lecture/media
Independent study

Outpatient rounds

Evaluation Methods
Employed:

Attendance
Case Presentation
Case Write-up
Faculty/resident evaluation
Narrative

Prerequisites:

Successful completion of required Internal Medicine Clerkship

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Special Requirements:

None