Title of Clerkship: Ophthalmology Elective – 2 weeks
Elective Type: Fourth Year Elective
Department: Surgery
Clerkship Site: UTMC Vision Associates, 2865 North Reynolds Road, Toledo, OH 43615-2076
http://www.utmc-vision.org/index.html
Course ID: OPTH 730
Blocks available: All
Number of students per block: 1-2
Faculty: Dr. John G. Rosenthal
Elective Description/Requirements: The student 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 Neuroophthalmology 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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Educational Course Objectives: At the end of the rotation the student will be able to:
1. Demonstrate and document the ability to perform an 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.
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 Educational Program Objectives and the current Educational Course Objectives for the Sponsoring Department.

Instructional Methods:
1. Observation of patient examination in a clinic setting.
2. Supervised examination of ophthalmic patients.
3. Small group discussion.
4. Case studies.
5. Review of tests including interpretation.
6. Observation of ophthalmic surgery including review of charts and indications for surgical intervention.

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

Prerequisites: Successful completion of third year required clerkships.

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

AAMC Hot Topics Addressed in this Elective Clerkship:
Clinical Problem Solving/Decision Making
Communication Skills
Diagnostic Imaging
Geriatrics
Disease Screening Tests
Practice Management
Patient Health Education

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