

OPHTHALMOLOGY

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2-WEEK ONLY ELECTIVES IN OPHTHALMOLOGY - ONE PER STUDENT

DESCRIPTION

A) General Description

Exposure to the clinical ophthalmology in out-Patient Departments of the three teaching hospitals. Association with in-patient services, investigative and surgical procedures and post-operative management.

B) Learning Objectives

Recognition of the clinical problems confronted by those rendering eye medical services, and ability to discriminate between minor eye problems and those requiring secondary to tertiary care.

Routine eye examination as part of a general physical examination will be stressed, and treatment of eye conditions within the scope of the family physician.

Sufficient exposure will be provided to those who may be interested in tertiary eye care levels to stimulate their interest in the speciality.

- 1) The Eye Examination
- 2) Acute & Chronic Visual Loss
- 3) Red Eye
- 4) Injuries
- 5) Amblyopia and Strabismus
- 6) Neuro-Ophthalmology
- 7) Ocular Manifestations of Systemic Disease
- 8) Drugs and the Eye
- 9) Conduct patient-centered interviews that explore the patient's feelings, ideas, impact on function, and expectations.
- 10) Develop relationships with patients characterized by compassion, empathy, respect, and genuineness, demonstrating a willingness to collaborate with the patient about management.
- 11) Perform a physical examination without causing the patient embarrassment.
- 12) Adapt treatment plans to the individual with consideration for the patient's age, general health, special needs, expectations, cultural background, progress, or changes in condition.
- 13) Demonstrate skill in communication of information with clear, concise explanations that are understandable to patients.
- 14) Recognize risk factors and be able to counsel patients on risk reduction.
- 15) Identify the rights and legal responsibilities of physicians to patients and the community.
- 16) Describe the determinants of health and apply them appropriately to enhance individual and community well being.

- 17) Apply the concept of cost-effectiveness to public health interventions.
- 18) Demonstrate skill in self-directed learning
- 19) Determine the validity and applicability of published data through critical appraisal.
- 20) Demonstrate the ability to work effectively as a member of a team, as participant or leader.
- 21) Collaborate effectively with patients and families without having to take charge.
- 22) Demonstrate skill in finding common ground when differences of opinion exist.
- 23) Establish effective relationships with colleagues and other member of the health care team
- 24) Demonstrates the ability to place the needs of patients and families first.
- 25) Demonstrates honesty and trustworthiness in assessment, study and learning.
- 26) Demonstrates responsibility and respect.
- 27) Recognize personal biases and ensure that they do not interfere with the patient's best interests.
- 28) Be willing to seek help, advice or consultation when needed.
- 29) Respond to personal and family needs and develop effective support systems
- 30) Assist patients in accessing the health care system for physical, psychological, social, and economic rehabilitation or long-term care.
- 31) Use the concepts of evidence-based medicine to guide patient care decisions.
- 32) Identify potential conflict between individual and population interests and seek advice from others.
- 33) Assess the effectiveness of practice and engage in continuous quality improvement.

C) Type of Clinical Experience

- In Patient ()
 Out Patient ()
 Both (xx)

D) Night and Weekend Call

- Yes ()
 No (xx)

E) Evaluation Procedure

- Written Exam ()
 Oral Exam ()
 Informal Clin. Exam (xx)

F) Number of Students Accepted

Each block: 1 per block - **2 week electives only**

Due to the number of applicants **only 1 elective block per student (no double booking permitted)**

G) Other Comments, Regulations or Expectations

It is expected that a fourth year clinical elective will spend time in the eye clinics and operating room at St. Joseph's Hospital -- with exposure to all facets of the department's activities.