

**Medical Student Rotation Guide  
Pediatrics & Trauma Service**

***Overview***

Welcome to the medical student rotation on the Trauma & Pediatric service in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Rush University Medical Center! We are excited to have you on service and hope you enjoy the rotation. Our goal is for you to learn more about our program and orthopaedics. On your rotation you will spend time in our ambulatory clinics, the operating room, as well as on call. You will work with our residents, fellows, and faculty all of whom are available to answer any questions or address any concerns you may have.

***Faculty, Residents, & Fellows***

During your rotation on the Pediatrics service, you will work with the following faculty, fellows, and residents:

*Faculty*

Monica Kogan, M.D.  
Joel Williams, M.D.

***Rotation Schedule***

Each day, you will be assigned to work in either the operating room or the ambulatory clinic. On the Trauma & Pediatrics rotation, the ambulatory clinics that you will be covering are located in the Midwest Orthopaedics (MOR) building at Rush University Medical Center (RUMC) as well as at Prarie Medical Center of Westchester. The MOR building is directly across the street from RUMC. You can access the building via the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the parking garage. Dr. Williams and Dr. Kogan operate at RUMC exclusively on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor in the tower. Prarie Medical Center (PMC) is located at 2450 S. Wolf Road in Westchester, Illinois, approximately 20 minutes from downtown Chicago. The Pediatrics clinic is located in Suite F on the second floor. If you have a vehicle you are welcome to drive out to the clinic yourself or may get a ride with the resident on service.

Below is your typical weekly schedule barring any adjustments for vacations or other

| <b>Clinical Rotation Schedule</b> |  |                         |   |                      |
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| <b>Monday</b>                     | <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Wednesday</b>        | <b>Thursday</b>   | <b>Friday</b>        |
| Dr. Kogan<br>Clinic PMC           | Dr. Kogan (AM)<br>Clinic MOR<br><br>Dr. Williams (PM)<br>RUMC OR | Dr. Kogan<br>Clinic MOR | Dr. Williams<br>RUMC OR<br>or<br>Dr. Kogan (AM)<br>Clinic MOR | Dr. Kogan<br>OR RUMC |

obligations.

Each week, your resident will confirm your daily schedule. You will typically begin your day rounding on all pediatric and trauma inpatients prior to our intake with the resident on service.

All residents and medical students attend intake each morning on the 13<sup>th</sup> floor to review the call cases that came in the day prior. Intake starts between 6:15AM – 6:45AM each morning, depending on the day of the week. After intake, residents and medical students then work with our faculty in the operating rooms and clinics. More details about your schedule will be provided upon arrival.

### ***Responsibilities & Expectations***

#### ***Operating Room***

To prepare for the operating room, students should know what cases they will be assisting in each week. Residents will typically tell you what your cases are, however, students should not hesitate to ask what the cases are for the coming week. In the operating room, we expect students to understand the relevant anatomy for each case and the indication for surgery. We do not expect students to know the steps of the case or how to do the case. If something is unclear, please feel free to ask questions. To assist in the OR, pay particular attention to draping and the workflow so that you can help after observing the first few cases. Please introduce yourself to the OR staff and be respectful of them at all times. Write your name on the white board so the circulator knows who you are. The OR staff can be your biggest advocates and will provide us feedback on how you are doing throughout the rotation. We expect that you assist with all scheduled cases each day. You will be excused from the operating room for required conferences, but please always check that the OR is adequately covered prior to leaving the hospital.

#### ***Clinic***

In the clinic, we expect all students to dress appropriately and assist when asked. For men, please wear a clean pressed shirt and tie with a clean white coat. For females, please wear business casual attire with a clean white coat. Please do not wear any low cut shirts or skirts above the knee. Please introduce yourself to all support staff including PAs, NPs, nurses, and administrative assistants. Our support staff will be extremely helpful and will also provide us feedback on your performance.

We hope that through your experience in our ambulatory clinics you will be able to perform a detailed history and physical examination for a patient presenting to a pediatric orthopaedics clinic. Each physician will have different responsibilities for you in the clinic. Some faculty will allow you to see patients independently, perform a detailed history and physical, present the patient, and dictate the note. Other physicians will ask that you work with a resident or fellow while in clinic. Please ask your attending physician at the start of clinic what his or her expectations are for you. If you are not given the opportunity to see patients independently or dictate you can still help with workflow and learn a significant amount about the clinical exam and indications for surgery.

#### ***Conferences & Presentations***

In addition to resident didactic conference on Monday evening, medical student conference on Tuesday evening, and Grand Rounds on Wednesday mornings, you will attend the pediatric radiology conference on Monday mornings at 8:00AM at the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago with the residents on service as well as with Dr. Kogan.

On your rotation, you will also be asked to give a presentation on a core pediatric orthopaedic topic. The topic will be assigned to you by Dr. Kogan upon arrival.

***Recommended Readings***

Below is a list of recommended readings while on the pediatrics and trauma service. For anatomy, we strongly recommend you read Netter's Concise Orthopaedic Anatomy. To prepare for cases and conference we recommend the following additional resources:

Lovell and Winter's Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery

Orthopaedic Knowledge Update – Pediatrics

Campbell's Operative Orthopaedics

Chapter 1 – Surgical Techniques and Approaches

Chapter 53 – General Principles of Fracture treatment

Tachdjian's Pediatric Orthopaedics

Chapters 2 – 4 – Physical Examination of a Pediatric Patient

Chapter 10 – Imaging

If you are unable to access any of these resources, please contact your resident on service who would be happy to assist you in obtaining them.

***Chief Residents & Program Director***

Once again welcome to the Pediatrics service! If you have any additional questions or concerns throughout your rotation, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Chief residents or our Program Director, Dr. Monica Kogan.

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