

Miriam Hospital: Inpatient Medicine PHP 592
Preceptor: Dr. Luisi

Description of the Medicine Rotation at Miriam Hospital

Miriam Hospital is an urban, teaching hospital located in the southern part of Providence. Miriam is a part of the LifeSpan Corporation which also includes Rhode Island Hospital, Bradley Hospital, the VNA of Providence, and Hospice Care of Rhode Island, in addition to other institutions.

Students participating in the PHP592 Medicine rotation with Dr. Luisi as preceptor have a morning of scheduled clinical activities. The students are expected to arrive at the hospital by 8 AM. You will be assigned to a general medicine team, which usually consists of a resident, one or two interns, and one medical student. Work rounds with the team start at 9 AM and are finished by about 10:30 - 11:00 AM at which time the team then meets with their "Attending" physician – a senior physician associated with the Brown University Program in Medicine. Typically during attending rounds, a patient case will be presented to the attending physician for team discussion. The morning concludes with a conference at 12 noon where a specialty physician presents a quasi-formal lecture to all the residents, interns, and students. The student is expected to attend work rounds daily; whereas, attending rounds are three times per week noon conference is four days per week.

In the afternoons, students meet with Dr. Luisi to present patient cases and to discuss issues of pharmacotherapy relating to the patient. A problem – based format is used during this presentation. Journal Club occurs every week. During this time students discuss and critique a recently published article from the medical or pharmacy literature. Written and drug information skills are enhanced through short papers that answer drug information issues surrounding the care of the patients on the medical team.

Facilities available to complement student learning include a medical library with a large collection of journals, and an in-house computer system to facilitate the collection of patient information.