Expectations for Clinical Genetics Rotation

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In accordance with the ROTATION SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES FOR MEDICAL GENETICS, Department of Pediatrics, McMaster University,

General expectations:

1. The trainee is expected to check out the website for rotation specific objectives, expectations and schedules prior to commencement of the rotation.

2. The trainee is expected to notify the ERP 6 weeks in advance any scheduled time off the rotation (e.g. vacations, post-calls, teachings, exams, interviews, religious holidays, conferences and scheduled clinics, etc).

3. The trainee is expected to report to the Clinical Genetics Unit by 9am on the first day of his/her rotation.

4. Trainees rotating through genetics should be accessible by pager generally from 8:00 am–5:00 pm throughout the rotation. On your first day, please ensure that our staff have your pager number. It is the trainee’s responsibility that the pager is properly functioning.

5. On the first day of the rotation, each trainee will complete a test. The results will not be used in the resident evaluation. This is a teaching tool to help the staff and you to assess your learning needs during the course of your genetics rotation.

6. Ad hoc teaching time is arranged between the trainee and the staff geneticists and counselors.

7. Each resident will have the opportunity to give a 40 minute presentation on an interesting topic of the resident’s choice near the end of their rotation. The topic of choice should be discussed with the geneticist on call. Please let the educational secretary know if you require any equipment for your presentation.

8. To maximize your learning experience, if you have additional questions, suggestions or issues for discussion for your clinical genetics rotation, please do so as soon as you can, instead of saving them to the end of your rotation.
Out-Patient Clinics:
The trainee is expected to primarily attend clinics with the staff on-call plus a metabolics clinic. Additional genetics and metabolic clinics can be arranged with the staff involved and with the permission/knowledge of the staff on call.

The trainee is expected to take the primary role in outpatient clinics, with the assistance of a genetic counselor if one is available. The trainee is expected to discuss with the counselor in regard to division of labor and collaboration to provide the most efficient quality care and to maximize your educational experiences.

The trainee is expected to be prepared for out-patient clinics by reviewing the cases in advance, and reading and researching relevant topics for the case types. In the clinic, your patient encounter and assessment should be comprehensive and targeted with emphasis on a dysmorphology assessment and on a potential genetic etiology.

Clinic letters should be completed within 5 days after seeing the patient. You are expected to complete and submit any requisition/referral forms required for the patients that you are following. You should ensure that these forms are appropriately sent and received.

Inpatient Consults
The trainee is expected to see new inpatient & ER consults as directed by the on-service geneticist. For each consult, you are responsible for both a written consultation note for the patient’s chart and a formal dictation. These should be completed within 24 hours after seeing the patient.

You are expected to complete and submit any requisition/referral forms required for the patients that you are following. You should ensure that these forms are appropriately sent and received.

Patients requiring on-going follow-up should be added to the “Pediatric Genetics Patient List” by the responsible trainee. You should round on your patients and keep issues up-to-date, including any result of on-going investigations or consults.

I have read and understood the expectations for clinical genetics rotation

Signed Print Name Date

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