

MS3's: Requires course director's signature on course preference form.

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Location:	The University of Texas Health Center at Tyler (UTHCT), 11937 U.S. Highway 271, Tyler, Texas 75708
Offered:	Each period
Max. # Students/Period:	1-2
Housing	UTHCT has reasonably priced housing available on a first-come, first-served basis. Free parking is available. The hospital is within walking distance. Meals are not provided. There is a cafeteria in the hospital. The facility is located 8 miles northeast of downtown Tyler.

Course Objective

The general objectives are as follows:

Pathophysiology, diagnosis, and management of pulmonary disease in its various forms, including respiratory failure; interpretation of chest x-rays and CT scans; and interpretation of arterial blood gases, pulmonary function tests, and sleep studies.

The specific objectives are as follows:

All elective rotations are individually planned. Each student is permitted to select specific areas of interest for the full rotation or to spend one-half of the time in each area. Areas available for selection include: Mycobacterial Lung Disease, critical care medicine, thoracic surgery, clinical research, COPD, and AIDS-related lung diseases), cystic fibrosis, oncology, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, pulmonary function, sleep lab and exercise testing.

Skills Acquired:

A specialist approach to the evaluation of specific pulmonary problems in an inpatient and outpatient setting. Since this is an elective process, the students are provided with considerable latitude in deciding their study course; i.e., the student might elect to spend time reading.

Activities Of Elective

Number Of New Patients/Student/Week: Average 2 per day

Responsibilities Of Student For Assigned Patients:

Does history/physical:	Yes, average of 1 per day
Who critiques:	Preceptor
Follows patients, with appropriate notes as needed:	Yes
Who supervises:	Preceptor
Does student see ambulatory patients:	Yes

Procedures	Observe	Perform
Thoracentesis	X	X
Pleural biopsies	X	
Arterial puncture for ABG	X	
Bronchoscopies	X	

Scheduled Duties of Student:

Frequency of rounds on patients:	Daily
Presents patients to preceptor or attending physician:	Yes
Weekly schedule of required teaching sessions:	Cancer conference, NTM Case Conference, Pulmonary Case Conference, Grand Rounds

Describe Optional Rounds And Activities, If Any:

Oncology, General Medicine, Cardiology, Family Practice, Grand Rounds, Residents Conference/Input Day

Other Required Activities:

Reading/review of current literature:	Yes
Writing or Presenting a paper:	No

How Is Student Evaluated:

Level of knowledge, attendance and growth on the rotation

Who Evaluates Students:

Individual preceptor

Unique Features Of This Elective:

National referral center for non-mycobacterial lung disease, regional referral center for pediatric pulmonary and cystic fibrosis.