

ALLERGY, ASTHMA AND CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY
(For Midwest Allergy and Asthma see under Pulmonology)

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Where to meet: TBA

Purpose:

The goal of this four-week rotation is to enhance the resident's understanding of the outpatient management and evaluation of common allergic conditions.

Objectives:

The resident should have a greater understanding of the management of common allergic conditions such as allergic rhinitis, asthma, and atopic dermatitis. Emphasis will be placed on the evaluation and practical management of chronic rhinitis, sinusitis, and recurrent infections. Furthermore, the management of infants and young children with asthma and the differential diagnosis of recurrent wheezing in infants is covered. Inpatient management of asthma is reviewed, and applied to admitted patients.

Methods:

Clinics:

UNMC: Clinic is held weekly. A wide variety of allergy, clinical immunology, and rheumatology patients are seen. Three to five patients are seen per clinic.

Creighton: Pediatric Allergy, Asthma, Immunology Clinic is held twice weekly in the outpatient clinics at Creighton/St. Joseph Hospital. The majority of the patients seen are from inner city Omaha. Difficult to manage asthma is a common occurrence. Rheumatology patients are also seen at the Creighton clinic. Ten to 15 patients are seen per week.

Cogley Clinic: Cogley Medical Associates is a multi-specialty clinic in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Both adults and children are seen at this weekly all day clinic. A wide variety of common allergic patients are seen. Experience with primary care referrals is emphasized. The clinic offers on-site radiological services, and x-ray review is available. Eight to 10 patients are seen each week.

Children's: A weekly clinic is held in association with Dr. Mark Wilson. Patients with asthma and associated allergic problems are the predominant emphasis. Four to six patients are seen each week. A monthly clinic is also held at Children's with the emphasis on rheumatology and allergy patients. Three to four patients are seen.

Other Clinics: Allergy, Asthma, and Clinical Immunology clinics are also held in Fremont, Nebraska at a private pediatric office (5-7 patients); in Denison, Iowa, a rural outpatient clinic with a regional referral pattern (5-7 patients); and at the UNMC Ear, Nose and Throat clinic (3-5 patients). These clinics are attended either once or twice monthly.

Inpatient Responsibilities: All patients are included in the teaching program and rotation. Management of inpatient specialty patients and consultation for the general pediatric patients is the direct responsibility of the resident on the rotation.

Research Activities: The resident will participate in any research projects that are in progress during their month of the rotation.

Implementation:

The resident is expected to review and read the recommended text, Allergic diseases from Infancy to Adulthood (3rd Edition, 1996), along with selected research and review articles provided by the faculty.

Evaluation:

Evaluation of the rotation is based on the resident's patient work-up and presentation, development of the differential diagnosis and treatment plan. The faculty is often requested to provide peer-review of manuscripts and the resident will participate in that process. Each resident will be expected to review a topic of interest and provide a short seminar reviewing the pertinent literature, problem and treatment.