Elective Rotation Information

Scheduling is subject to our approval. The application for the elective rotation MUST be submitted 4-6 weeks before the start of the elective. In addition to the application, please submit a brief letter indicating your interest in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, including WHY you chose Schwab Rehab Hospital to pursue an outside elective rotation. Also needed is proof of malpractice insurance, HIPPA training and copy of vaccination record.

The student must contact the Residency Coordinator @ Schwab Rehab Hospital (773-522-5853) two weeks before the start of the elective to confirm scheduling. Written cancellations must be received 2 weeks prior to the scheduled rotation or $100.00 fine will be assessed.

The student will report to the Residency Office on the 4th floor, Room 408 by 8:30 a.m. [on the first day of the rotation and every morning thereafter for the duration of the rotation] and remain until 4:30 p.m. or later as work/patient care dictates. Student Doctors must display a photo ID indicating their status as a student doctor.

Schwab Rehab Hospital offers an elective rotation in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation to senior medical school students provided their medical school covers all malpractice insurance during the rotation. Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital will also accept a senior resident physician from another program if the resident has a valid medical license and full malpractice insurance coverage provided by their institution. All benefits and stipends must be provided by the outside institution. The duration of a typical elective is four weeks.

Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital & Care Network is a private not-for-profit 125-bed freestanding rehabilitation hospital located on Chicago’s West Side. Schwab offers complete individualized comprehensive inpatient and outpatient programs for people with disabilities. Our clinical programming spans the entire range of inpatient and ambulatory rehabilitation care. We have specialty programs in brain and spinal cord injury, stroke, sports medicine, pediatrics, amputee medicine, occupational rehabilitation, and general rehabilitation. Schwab also provides comprehensive rehabilitation services for children with disabilities through Kids Rehab, a program in partnership with our affiliates: La Rabida Children’s Hospital and Research Center, and The University of Chicago Children’s Hospital.

The student will be assigned, on the first day of the rotation to the inpatient service of a teaching attending by the Program Director, and will accompany the attending and resident physician on inpatient rounds, and Outpatient Clinic, if applicable.

The medical student, at some point during their rotation, will learn about patients with brain and spinal cord injury, stroke, amputation, neurological, and musculoskeletal disease/medicine. In addition, by attending patient staffing (team conference) with the attending and resident physicians, nurses, therapists, and other allied health team members, the medical student will learn about the comprehensive treatment of a rehabilitation patient. The student will have ample exposure to rehabilitation medicine, learning from nationally and internationally known teaching faculty who will provide a comprehensive educational experience emphasizing both physical medicine and rehabilitation. Our 3-year ACGME fully accredited residency-training program, based at Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital, is academically affiliated with the University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine.

Students are also expected to participate in educational activities, such as attending resident lectures, in order to foster their education. Resident Lectures, are held every Thursday from 8:00-11:00 a.m. and Grand Rounds is every third Wednesday of the month at 8:00 a.m.