



Dear Medical Student,

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of a clerkship elective available at Level II nursery at St. Joseph's Healthcare.

In order to address the increasing demands for electives, the Division of General Pediatrics is offering an elective in the Level II nursery for students interested in a career in pediatrics. To participate in this elective you must be able to commit 2-4 weeks of time.

Level II nursery is a busy 15-bed unit where we care for premature babies from 31 weeks of gestation and older, as well as term babies with a variety of health issues. We provide inpatient pediatric consultations for our busy obstetrical service, as well as in the well newborn nursery. Daily rounds are conducted in an organized, family-centered environment. Our experienced nurses and members of the multidisciplinary team (child life specialist, pharmacist, social workers, and lactation consultants) have always been an integral part of medical student and resident learning.

In addition to the inpatient services, we provide consultations in the Breastfeeding and Newborn Assessment Clinic for babies with hyperbilirubinemia and feeding difficulties. As of January 2013, we have initiated our pediatric clinic on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons where we see late-premature infants and infants with neonatal abstinence who have been discharged from our Level II nursery. The emphasis is on developmental follow up of these babies. In addition, we provide antenatal consultations in this clinic. During your elective time with us you will be able to participate in a variety of inpatient and outpatient experiences.

During this elective, students are expected to attend teleconferenced Division of General Pediatric Grand Rounds on Monday mornings, as well as Departmental Grand Rounds on Thursday mornings. In addition, there is devoted teaching time allotted twice per week to discuss the Case Based Learning modules that have been specifically created to complement student's learning. Students are also expected to attend our regular multidisciplinary neonatal mock codes.

For more details about weekly schedule, as well as for an outline and expectations of the elective, please follow the link: <http://www.macpediatrics.com/generalPediatricsCTUSt.Josephs.html>

There are a maximum of 2 elective students at any given time. Students will be placed on a first come first serve basis. Requests from McMaster students can be made to Rosy Evered: revered@stjoes.ca

Applications for elective placement for students from Canadian and International schools can be done through the MD electives website: <http://macmdelectives.ca/utme/index.cfm>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bojana Babic', written in a cursive style.

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