

## School of Medicine

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# Department of Anesthesiology Medical Student Clerkship Course 2009-2010

**Welcome to the Department of Anesthesiology at the Tulane University School of Medicine. Our goal is to provide medical students with a two or four week clinical overview of basic procedures and insight into the broader field of anesthesiology.**

### **The rotation consists of:**

- Hands on participation in the care of patients supervised by anesthesia attendings and residents. This potentially includes assistance with the preoperative evaluation, creation of an anesthetic plan, IV and other line placement, induction of general anesthesia and airway management, placement of regional blocks, monitoring of anesthesia, emergence and postoperative care. Depth of interest and skill level will affect degree of participation in each of these items.
- Daily student conferences covering basic clinical topics in anesthesiology. In addition students will participate in Wednesday morning and afternoon resident conferences.
- A 10-15 minute presentation to an audience of fellow students, residents and attendings with appropriate audio-visual aids on any interesting topic in anesthesiology. The student may select their own topic or have one chosen for them.
- Optional attendance at evening journal clubs or other department functions. Also optionally students may stay into the evening or take regular or specialty night or weekend call to see emergency cases.
- The majority of the rotation will occur in the third floor operating rooms at the Tulane University Medical Center (TUMC), 1415 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans LA 70112. You may also spend time at Tulane Lakeside Hospital in Metairie LA or other locations.
- **All students will have a short informal individual meeting with Dr. Frank Rosinia, Department of Anesthesiology Chair sometime during the rotation to discuss your future plans in medicine.**

### **What is expected of students:**

- On the first day of the rotation meet by **06:45 a.m.** at the front board of the Operating Room (3<sup>rd</sup> floor TUMC). Be in green scrubs, have a stethoscope with you to listen to hearts and lungs. An attending may give you a room assignment or your name may be written on the Operating Room scheduling board to follow a specific case or resident, but if no one gives you an assignment, just pick

an interesting case and go to that room, introduce yourself and ask the resident or CRNA if they mind if you follow them. They shouldn't mind. Later that morning you will meet with **Dr. Joseph Koveleskie** or another attending who will provide course materials and orientation in the Resident Study Center, Room 3342. Our departmental offices are located on the third floor of the hospital across from the SICU and behind the PACU. If you do not know how to get scrubs at Tulane please contact **Ms. Christine Anderson**, Anesthesiology Administrative Assistant, at **TEL 504 988 5903** before the rotation starts.

- On subsequent days you should also arrive by **06:45 a.m. (Wednesdays 06:30)**. You may already be assigned to an operating room with a resident when you arrive. If you don't see your name on the O.R. front board please be proactive and ask a resident or attending if you can follow their case. You will generally work in the care of this physician's patients throughout that day, but feel free to move to another room or case if not much interesting is happening in the originally assigned case.

- You may be assigned to Lakeside Hospital to see general, gyn, or OB surgery, and pain management. Your faculty contact will be **Dr. Scott Gardiner** at Lakeside Hospital.

- Please read the file [A Medical Student's Anesthesia Primer \(or How to Look Like a Star on Your First Day\) by Roy G. Soto, M.D.](http://www.asahq.org/asarc/primer.pdf) ( <http://www.asahq.org/asarc/primer.pdf> ) from the [ASA website](http://www.asahq.org/) ( <http://www.asahq.org/> ) for an overview of anesthesia.

- Keep a record of your cases on the provided **Anesthesia Student CASE Log (ClinAnesClerkship StudCASELog.pdf)**. **You can download this file from the same page as this document**. Turn in this form on the last day of the rotation to Ms. Christine Anderson, Anesthesiology Administrative Assistant.

- Daily student conferences will be conducted usually at about 11:00 by the "T3" faculty or a resident everyday except Wednesday. On Wednesdays, students are expected to attend the resident lectures from 06:30 to 07:30 and 13:00 to 16:00 in the Anesthesia Library next to Ms. Christine Anderson's office. Students may be asked to do basic background reading from the provided course textbook ('Baby' Miller) in preparation for the conference. Keep a record of the lectures you attend on the provided **Anesthesia Student LECTURE Log (ClinAnesClerkship StudLECTURELog.pdf)**. **You can download this file from the same page as this document**. Turn in this form on the last day of the rotation to Ms. Christine Anderson, Anesthesiology Administrative Assistant.

Faculty, CRNAs and upper level residents are usually very willing to teach and supervise you to do procedures such as intubations, IV starts, and LMA and line placements, however we ask that you refrain from doing procedures with CA1 residents as they need to get as much training as they can. Also, please try to minimize discussing your training plan in the holding area in front of the patients.

- The day is generally over by 14:00 except on Wednesdays when lectures may go until 15:00 or 16:00. There are no required call responsibilities on this rotation. Students are not expected to be present on weekends or school holidays. But, optionally students may stay into the evening or take regular or specialty night or weekend call to see emergency cases if they are interested. Attendance at evening journal clubs or other department functions is also available to interested students. Talk to Dr. Koveleskie, another staff member or a resident about these activities.

- **Schedule a meeting with Dr. Frank Rosinia (Room 3212) through his secretary Ms. Elise Legrand (Room 3213a) TEL 504 988 5068. Their offices are in the hallway past the MICU on the third floor of the hospital.**

**Course Text:**

**Basics of Anesthesia, 5<sup>th</sup> ed., Miller and Stoelting eds.** A copy will be provided for your use during the rotation and is to be returned at the end of the rotation. Online anesthesiology texts are available through the School of Medicine at: <http://libguides.tulane.edu/content.php?pid=29022&sid=211924>. This link is also accessible from the library link at the top of our department website, <http://www.tulaneanesthesiology.com>.

**Lockers:**

Lockers may be available for your use. Obtain information from Ms. Christine Anderson.

**Attendance policy:**

All absences must be approved by Dr. Koveleskie. Absences for interviews or medical school related activities require documentation from the Dean's office.

**Evaluations:**

- Students will be given three evaluation forms to be completed by any of the attendings or residents with whom they have worked.
- Consideration is given for attendance, preparation for cases, participation in the conferences, the 10-15 minute oral presentation, and other optional activities.
- In addition an open book multiple choice test will be given on the last Friday of the rotation.

**Final Grade:**

Your final grade will be given when you have:

- Completed the written final test
- Given the oral presentation
- Had a meeting with Dr. Frank Rosinia, Chairman Department of Anesthesiology
- 3 ClinAnesClerkship MedStudEval.pdf forms have been turned in
- 1 ClinAnesClerkship AnonymousCourseEval.pdf form has been turned in
- 1 Basics of Anesthesia textbook has been returned
- ClinAnesClerkship StudCASELog.pdf forms have been turned in
- ClinAnesClerkship StudLECTURELog.pdf forms have been turned in

We look forward to working with you. Please let me know if you find that you are not getting enough interesting cases, intubations, IV starts, etc. or if there is any other problem with your experience.

Sincerely,



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