

Third Year Clerkship in Paediatrics

First Rotation-Duration 4 Weeks

Course Description:

The students will be allocated to a Consultant Paediatrician of a Teaching Hospital exposing them to inpatient and out patient paediatrics. In all clinical settings, students will be responsible for taking complete paediatric histories and performing physical examinations, as well as formulating differential diagnoses and plans of management. All patients seen by students are expected to be reviewed by a paediatric Senior House Officer, Registrar or a Senior Registrar. On in-patient services, student is expected to integrate into the ward team. The Students are expected to research each assigned patient's disease by the use of appropriate texts and journals.

The teaching is performed primarily by the Consultant with the help of the Senior Registrar and the Registrars. A Teacher will take classes on following topics. During these sessions the target would be to develop skills in formulating differential diagnoses and plans of management.

1. Paediatric history taking
2. Evaluation of Growth
3. Evaluation of Development
4. General examination
5. Respiratory system examination
6. Examination of cardiovascular system
7. Examination of Abdomen
8. Examination of CNS part one (higher functions and cranial nerves)
9. Examination of CNS part two (limbs)
10. Visit to a PBU+ Maternity ward & Neonatal examination

After the initial 10 sessions students are expected to present cases and discuss to cover at least five out of following cases. These discussions should cover history taking, examination, investigations, evaluation and management with a special attention on communication.

1. Acute febrile illness
2. Pyrexia of unknown origin
3. A child with acute respiratory distress
4. A child presenting with diarrhoea
5. A child presenting with convulsions
6. A child with joint pain +/- swelling
7. A child presenting with jaundice
8. A child presenting with pallor
9. A child presenting with headache
10. An unconscious child
11. A child with development delay
12. A child with failure to thrive
13. A child presenting with swelling of the body
14. A child presenting with recurrent abdominal pain
15. A child presenting with recurrent wheezing