OPHTHALMOLOGY @ BPEI / NAPLES

COURSE CODE: MDR 802

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LENGTH OF ELECTIVE: 2 weeks

PREREQUISITE: None. Email to clerkship director required 2 weeks prior to starting

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 2

AVAILABLE: All year, EXCEPT Blocks 1A, 2A, 2B, and 6A

U.S VISITING STUDENTS: Yes

INTERVIEWING TIME: 1 day (2wks), with prior approval

TYPE: Clinical

NOTE: ANY schedule changes involving ALL Ophthalmology rotations must be authorized by Damarys Menendez (see above for contact information) before your schedule can be officially changed.

Overview / Course Design:
The primary goal of this elective is to provide medical students with a basic understanding of fundamental ophthalmology. Aspects of Ophthalmology that are pertinent to the practice of Internal Medicine, Neurology, Family Practice, and other primary care specialties will also be taught. Emphasis is placed on the ocular exam and findings related to common eye pathology such as conjunctivitis, cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration, retinal vascular occlusion, and diabetic retinopathy. Some exposure to more unusual cases in ophthalmology as a subspecialty will be obtained in clinics. Didactic sessions and patient care in clinics with attending faculty, and coordinated self teaching make up the majority of the elective. Students will also have the ability to go to the OR to observe ophthalmic surgery. Opportunity to assist faculty in writeup of case reports will also be available for the students considering ophthalmology as a career goal.

Goals / Objectives:
Students will be exposed to and participate in the care of patients with eye disorders.

Location:
Bascom Palmer Eye Institute at Naples. Note, funding is not available for housing. The student will be responsible for their housing. Discount rates are available from nearby hotels. Information is available from Dr. Kovach.

Participating Faculty: Students will be exposed to several faculty members during their rotation

Prerequisite: None. Email to Dr. Kovach required 2 weeks prior to starting rotation.

Expectations: Students are expected to attend clinics and observe ophthalmic operations in the OR.

Student Evaluation and Grading:
Students will be evaluated (pass/fail) by their attendance and participation in the clinical setting.