Touro Student Clerkship

Touro Infirmary is at 1401 Foucher Street. LSU Neurology has a consult service at the hospital and students will work with an LSU Neurology Resident during the clerkship. Details about student roles and responsibilities as well as expectations of the students are detailed below.

- Student clerkships begin on Mondays. LSU Neurology has clinic at MCLNO in the Clinic Tower on the 5th floor every Monday at 0830, and so on the first Monday of the clerkship that is where students should report. Clinic lasts until around noon. At the clinic you will be introduced to the resident with whom you will work at Touro and after clinic you will all go over to Touro to see consults. During the second Tuesday of the rotation, Touro students will rotate at Dr. Branch’s Stroke clinic on Tuesday morning at UMC.

- LSU Neurology is on call for consults at Touro Monday – Friday from 7AM to 5PM, though usually the resident does not arrive to the hospital until later in the morning. Students should coordinate with the resident about what time they are expected to arrive in the morning.
- Rounding with Staff generally happens sometime between 3PM and 6PM, depending on how busy the Staff is during their day in clinic.
- Students are expected to see patients and write their own progress notes. The resident’s job is to teach the neurological exam, discuss findings and differential diagnoses with students, and discuss plans and management of the patient.

- Touro uses Sorian EMR. Students should get accounts established with the Medical Staff Office (room B200 on 2nd floor) preferably prior to the start of the rotation, but it can be done on the first Monday. The resident will help with notes, review them, and offer constructive criticism so that students can hone their note writing skills during the clerkship.
- Patient lists are generally the responsibility of the students. They should be kept up to date throughout the day. Keeping a good list is critical to staying efficient while rounding.
- Students should expect to present patients to both the resident during the day and Staff at afternoon rounds. The goal is to develop efficient, thorough presenting skills. There is proper order of medical presentation and it is important to keep practicing so that the proper order becomes second nature.
- Students are exempt from Touro duties whenever they have Thursday afternoon didactic lectures in the 1542 Tulane Ave building at LSU.
- Student lectures given by the LSU Neurology residents generally happen each Thursday at 11:30 at 1542 Tulane Avenue on the 1st or 7th floor. There will be emails from the clerkship director with specifics.
- There is a cafeteria at Touro, though students do not get any meal subsidies.
- There is a library on the 10th floor which is great for studying
- Laptops or iPads are encouraged and make keeping the list updated much easier.
- Students should have at minimum a reflex hammer (preferably not tomahawk style) and penlight. 256 Hz tuning forks and ophthalmoscopes are optional and the resident will usually have them available.
- Students have the weekends off
- Parking is available in the Delachaise Street Garage or in the adjacent neighborhoods.
- Students can email the LSU Neurology Chiefs with questions or any other issues which may arise during the Neurology Clerkship
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