

Feedback for elective course at hematology unit, PMK hospital

Below is my feedback and comments on the work experience.

1. Venipuncture and Biochemistry lab

- It was wonderful to see what a hospital lab looks like as well as the basic procedure of drawing blood. It was also a good way to see other alternatives to being a doctor working in the OPD

- I don't have any other recommendations for this part of the work experience as it was all very good.

2. Pathology Museum and Practice Venipuncture

- This was definitely one of my favourite days as it was really interesting to see the different organs on display and the affects that same diseases may have on them. Getting to look at slides was also great as we got to see what researchers actually have to find. It was really fun getting to learn the technique and try out drawing blood on a dummy (my favourite part).

- This again was an excellent part of the work experience.

3. IPD Ward Visits

- It was great to see Dr Aum interacting with some of his patients and it was really helpful of him to explain what treatments the patients were on in a way that all of us could understand.

- For the feedback here, I know this is difficult and may not be possible but it would be great if the students got to talk to some of the patients and interact with them or even the parents.

4. OPD

- This was great as I think this was what most people were looking forward to. We got to see how hectic a hospital can get as well as certain cases the doctors have to go through in a day.

- I definitely think that a rotation system would be great so that everyone gets to try everything. I also think having more OPD sessions would be great as we only got one day in it and as I said before most people were looking forward to this.

In general, I think the work experience was great and I definitely would recommend this to students. However, I think possibly allowing students to interact with patients more (when possible) would be great, or teaching students basic clinical skills like teaching how to take blood pressure tests, or helping out with paperwork, or like help in the pharmacology department. I know this has nothing to do with the work experience but I would love to do some volunteering in a childcare centre or hospice. I'm sure many people who would like to pursue medicine would like that as well. Thank you once again for this wonderful opportunity.

Best wishes,

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