

ORTHOPAEDICS

Course name and number: Clinical Orthopaedics (LSU-MCLNO) ORTHO 420a

Faculty:

LSU Orthopaedic Faculty

Duration: 4 weeks

Availability: All blocks

Number of Students: 4 – 6

Objective:

A four week course offering additional instruction in musculoskeletal disorders.

Description/Means of Implementation:

The student will be an integral part of the orthopedic team and will be assigned to the orthopaedic clinics at the Medical Center of Louisiana (University Hospital), Children's Hospital, and the private community hospital clinics at Kenner and East Jefferson. The student will participate in care of in-patients and will assist in the ER and operating room.

The course will expose the student to the indications, evaluation, and methods of treatment of orthopaedic problems, including management of trauma and chronic musculoskeletal disease. The full-time schedule includes active patient care participation, on-call experience, and participation in orthopaedic conferences.

At the end of the elective, the student should have a broad base of orthopaedic knowledge. The student should be able to evaluate, order appropriate studies, diagnose musculoskeletal conditions and have an understanding of the principles of treatment. The student will spend two weeks at the University Campus, one week at Children's Hospital and one week in the private community hospitals. Changes can sometimes be made to accommodate requests by the students.

Method of Evaluation:

Participation, presentations, and personal evaluations by faculty & residents. No examination will be given. Grade will be given as honors/pass/fail.

Requirements:

Third year elective in Orthopaedics at LSU or consent of director.