Elective Handbook:
The complete guide to electives at GW and VAMC

GWU Internal Medicine
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General Information

How to use this handbook:
This is a list of the pre-arranged elective opportunities that have been established within our program. You should use this as a guide to see what options you have. This handbook also includes practical information, such as the schedule and contact information that you will need while you are on the rotation.

Please note this is not a comprehensive list of all of your opportunities! If there are other electives that you are interested in, you can most likely do them! Just work with your chief resident to arrange an alternate elective.

Most electives are scheduled to include a balance of inpatient and outpatient experiences in order to meet ACGME requirements. However, if you have particular interests that necessitate changing of the schedule, please let your chief resident know, and an alternate schedule may be arranged.

How to schedule electives:
The elective schedule is usually started 4-6 weeks in advance, and finalized 2 weeks in advance for the coming month. The chief resident in charge of scheduling electives will email you when it is time to submit your preferences. All electives are generally assigned on a first-come first-served basis, so please respond quickly to these emails, even if your elective isn’t for several weeks. The schedule will be posted to the program intranet when it is finalized and will be updated as needed.

Evaluations on elective rotations:
For all elective rotations, residents are required to generate an evaluation in MedHub, to be completed by the attending. At the end of your elective, please log in to MedHub and create an evaluation to send to at least 1 attending you worked with on elective. This is required for all elective rotations.
Instructions: Resident Initiated Evaluations

Other things to note while you are on elective:
1. Attendance is mandatory! Elective time is just as important as time on the wards or in the ICU. This is your chance to explore the subspecialties of medicine and you should take this seriously. If you have to miss a day of elective for any reason, you must notify a chief resident in advance of your absence.
2. All residents on GW electives are required to attend morning report from 7:30 – 8:30 am every day, located in the 4 south conference room. Residents on VA electives, away electives, or research are excused. If your elective field holds their own teaching conference at this time, please attend the subspecialty conference instead. Interns and Residents are also required to attend noon conference while on elective.
3. Grand Rounds attendance (Thursdays at noon) is required whenever you are at GW!
4. Unless otherwise specified below, you should arrive for your elective promptly at 8:30 am everyday Monday through Friday. Weekend days are off.
5. If you are scheduled for your Friday nightfloat shift, you are expected to attend your scheduled elective that day and then report for night float shift in the evening.
6. If you are on “disaster” while on elective, you must have your pager with you at all times (24 hours a day)
7. Elective is an excellent time to catch up on administrative tasks for the program including outpatient tasks, administrative paperwork, Hopkins modules, scholarly and QI projects, etc. Please use your time wisely to get the most out of your elective.
GW Electives

Allergy/Immunology
Location: MFA M Street, 2300 M Street NW, Suite 200
Learning Objectives: pending
Schedule: Clinic is held 5 days a week, both in the morning and afternoon sessions. You should arrive at 8:30am (after morning report) on the first day of your rotation. You may see patients with any of the attendings present for that clinic session. It is encouraged that you work with several different attendings during your rotation, so that you may get a broad experience.

Cardiology
Location: 22nd and I St, 4th Floor B Side
Course description, objectives, references: GW Cardiology
Contact: Dr. Lisa Martin, lwmartin@mfa.gwu.edu
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Mornings:
- Clinic: 5 session/week- mix: general, heart failure, arrhythmia, lipid, interventional
- Stress tests, including nuclear, echo, with fellows at heart station in the hospital, when not in clinic or seeing consults
- See consults as needed

Afternoon
- See consults
- Clinic varies, as above. (Most clinics will be in the morning.)
- Echoes, nuclear studies review, when not in clinic
- Topics with attending

**AM Clinic Times: 9:00 AM -12 PM PM Clinic Times: 1:00 PM– 5 PM
Residents may attend clinics with attending physician who does not already have a fellow
Drs. Tracy, Shapiro, Mercarder, Solomon- electrophysiology
Drs. Katz, Panjrath: heart failure
Dr. Martin Lipids on Tues
Drs. Mazhari, Reiner, Nagy - Interventional
Drs. Borden, Farmer – preventive cardiology
Drs. A Choi, B. Choi – cardiac imaging

Conferences
8 AM conferences:
- Monday: 4th floor MFA North Fellow/attending various topics
- Tuesday: Ross Hall Cardiac Cath conference
- Wednesday: 4th floor MFA North Echo/Noninvasive conference
- Thursday: 4th floor MFA North EP-arrhythmia conference

Noon Conference:
- Tuesday: 4th floor MFA Journal Club – (1st and 3rd Tuesdays)

5PM conference:
- Wednesday: Ross Hall Cardiology Grand Rounds

Dermatology
Location: MFA 22nd and I St Clinic, 2nd Floor South
Learning Objectives: pending
Contact: Elizabeth Hazuka, Residency Coordinator, ehazuka@mfa.gwu.edu. This rotation requires prior approval and will be coordinated by the chief resident.
Schedule: Please arrive promptly at 8:30am on the first day of your rotation. You will be given an assigned attending to work with when you arrive.

Endocrinology
Location: MFA 22nd and I St, 3rd Floor A Side
Course description, objectives, references: GW Endocrinology
Contact: Dr. Josh Cohen, jcohen@mfa.gwu.edu
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Gastroenterology
Location: MFA 22nd and I St, 3rd Floor A Side
Course objectives: pending
Contact: Dr. Matt Chandler
Schedule:
**Geriatrics (outpatient)**

**Please note this is a separate rotation than Geriatrics Inpatient Consults, which is a core assigned rotation during residency. Please refer to the website for more information.**

**Location:** MFA 22nd and I St, Ground Floor South  
**Course description and objectives:** Pending  
**Contact:** Dr. Katalin Roth, kroth@mfa.gwu.edu  
**Schedule:** The schedule is individualized based on providers’ schedules. Please coordinate with your chief resident and Dr. Roth prior to your rotation. The rotation may consist of outpatient experiences at both the MFA and VAMC geriatrics clinics, as well as visits to The Washington Home, and participation in home visits through the home-based primary care program. The schedule can be individualized based on your particular interests.

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**Hematology/Oncology**  
**Location:** MFA 22nd and I St, 1st Floor South  
**Course description and objectives:** Pending  
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**Infectious Diseases**  
**Location:** GWUH Inpatient Consult Team  
**Course description and objectives:** [GW Infectious Diseases](#)  
**Schedule:** Residents will participate on the inpatient consult team. Residents should contact the fellow on service immediately following morning report on the first day of their rotation. The resident will help to pre-round on the existing consult patients and see new consults. Attending rounds occur in the afternoon.
If a resident on the ID rotation is interested in an outpatient ID experience, the resident and the fellow can work together to generate a schedule to attend ID clinic. This may depend upon the consult census and the number of residents/students on the team.

**Integrative Medicine**
Location: 908 New Hampshire Ave NW, Suite 200
Course description and objectives: [GW Center for Integrative Medicine](http://www.gwu.edu)
Contact: Dr. Ilana Seidel, ilanaseidelmd@gmail.com
Schedule: Please email Dr. Seidel at least 1 week prior to your rotation. A schedule will be created based on the providers’ availability.

**Nephrology**
Location: GWUH Inpatient Consult Team
Course description and objectives: [GW Nephrology](http://www.gwu.edu)
Schedule: You will work with the inpatient consult team. Please arrive at 8:30 following morning report on the first day of your rotation. You may page the fellow or go directly to the dialysis unit on the 5th floor of the hospital.

If a resident on the nephrology rotation is interested in an outpatient experience, the resident and the fellow can work together to generate a schedule to attend nephrology clinic. This may depend upon the consult census and the number of residents/students on the team.

**Neurology**
Location: GWUH Neurology Team Room, 4 North; Neurology clinic: MFA 22nd and I St, 7th Floor South
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**Palliative Care**
Location: GWUH Palliative Care team room, 5 South
Course description and objectives: Pending
Contact: Dr. Danielle Doberman, ddoberman@mfa.gwu.edu
Schedule: Residents will participate on the inpatient consult service. Please arrive at the palliative care office on 5 south immediately following morning report. Please note the palliative care elective is a 2-week elective. It is a great opportunity for mini-CEXs based on communication skills.
**Pulmonology**

**Location:** MFA 22nd and I St, 3rd Floor, B side  
**Course description and objectives:** [GW Pulmonology](#)  
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Conferences are held in the MFA 22nd and I St Dept of medicine conference room on the 8th floor north.

**Radiology**

**Location:** GWUH 1st Floor radiology department  
**Course description and objectives:** Pending  
**Contact:** Karen Hatcher, khatcher@mfa.gwu.edu; Myles Taffel, mtaffel@mfa.gwu.edu  
**Schedule:** Please arrive to the radiology department at 8:30am following morning report. You will be assigned to a specific area to work in prior to your rotation. You are expected to be present from 8:30am to 5:00pm with the exception of 12:00-1:00 for noon conference.

**Rheumatology**

**Location:** MFA M Street, 2300 M Street NW  
**Course description and objectives:** [GW Rheumatology](#)  
**Schedule:** Please arrive to the rheumatology clinic area at 8:30am after morning report. You may work with any available attending to see patients. You may also participate in seeing inpatient consults if available. Please discuss this with the attending/fellow.

**Additional Clinics**

The following clinics are available for resident participation. These clinics are not held every day of the week, and do not constitute a full elective alone. They can be combined with additional subspecialties (i.e. weight management and endocrine clinic) to create a full schedule. Please let your chief resident know if you are interested in participating in these clinics.

- Weight management
- Genetic counseling
- Cancer survivorship (coming this spring)
- Nutrition

**Ultrasound – Point of Care**

**Location:** GWUH
Contact: Carla Piereck de Sa, msdcpp@gwu.edu; Keith Boniface kboniface@mfa.gwu.edu

Course description and objectives: **GW Point of Care Ultrasound**

During your rotation, you will be in the emergency department performing ultrasounds, with the goal of performing ultrasounds distributed among the various applications and gaining proficiency with the use of bedside sonography.

**VA Electives**

Please contact the VA Chiefs for questions about where to go on your first day.

**Cardiology**

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**Dermatology**

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**Gastroenterology (Inpatient)**

Course description and objectives: Pending

Schedule: Please arrive at 8:00am on the first day of your rotation and page the GI consult fellow. You will work with the inpatient consult team.
Geriatrics
Course description and objectives: Pending
Contact: Dr. Elizabeth Cobbs, ecobbs@mfa.gwu.edu
Schedule: A schedule will be created prior to your elective time based on provider availability

Hematology
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Infectious Diseases
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Contact: Dr. Angelike Liappis, Angelike.Liappis@va.gov
Schedule: Please arrive at 8:00 and page the inpatient consult fellow. You will work with the inpatient consult service

Oncology
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Special Electives

ABC News Elective – New York, New York

The 4-week medical resident rotation at the ABC News Medical Unit provides a unique opportunity for current residents to gain exposure to and acquire basic competencies in medical journalism. The Medical Unit at ABC News vets and provides medical content across platforms, including Good Morning America, World News with Diane Sawyer, Nightline, local affiliates, radio, and ABCNews.com. Residents work in a team that consists of several medical residents, the Medical Unit Managing Editor, and medical correspondents.

Interested applicants should submit a brief letter of inquiry, resume, their elective dates, and availability to abcnewsmedical@gmail.com. Admission is on a rolling basis, so we strongly encourage residents to submit applications at their earliest possible convenience.

Because this is an away elective, it must be approved by Dr. Catalanotti and the GME office (using the GME Elective request form) at least 30 days in advance. You are responsible for finding your own housing in NYC.

Objectives of this rotation include:

- Prioritize and triage medical stories
- Learn to identify “newsworthy” topics
- Gain competency in writing for medical journalism
- Improve ability to critically analyze and summarize medical journal articles
- Learn the elements of a successful pitch
- Hone skills for interfacing with media
- Develop medical journalism interviewing skills
• Learn how to deliver an excellent medical expert interview
• Learn how to use social media to improve health literacy and spread public health messages

**Tasks on this rotation may include, but are not limited to:**

• Read and critically analyze embargoed journal articles
• Summarize newsworthy articles, for news story consideration
• Interview medical experts, including journal article authors, for news stories
• Write medical news stories for ABCNews.com
• Vet accuracy of medical content in scripts
• Attend morning meetings with producing teams from World News, GMA, and ABCNews.com
• Prepare morning medical note, with top daily medical stories
• Participate in Dr. Besser’s Twitter chats on various medical topics
• Accompany medical correspondent Dr. Richard Besser (and possibly other reporters) to record segments for GMA, World News with Diane Sawyer and ABC7 (local affiliate station)

**Antibiotic Stewardship**

**Location:** VA Medical Center  
**Dates:** This one-week elective is offered during select weeks throughout the year. Dates will be posted when available.  
**Contact:** Dr. Angelike Liappis, Angelike.Liappis@va.gov  
**Description:**  
The elective offers residents the opportunity to spend a week as a member of the Antimicrobial Stewardship Team (AST). The AST promotes the selection of the optimal antimicrobial drug regimen, dose, duration of therapy and route of administration. Stewardship interventions improve individual patient outcomes and ultimately aim to reduce antibiotic resistance and the unintended consequences of antibiotic usage (such as *Clostridium difficile*-associated colitis or drug-related events).

**Learning Objectives and Schedule:** Residents will join AST audit rounds and participate in the educational interventions with prescribing teams throughout the center (medical, surgical, geriatric and intensive care). During the rotation, residents will gain a better understanding of the principles of antimicrobial use, pharmacodynamics, the spectrum of antibiotic coverage and a working knowledge of antibacterial resistance. Residents will participate in conferences and AST journal club.

At the end of the elective, residents will be expected to serve as an educational resource for other housestaff and to promote and teach stewardship principles in the care of patients!

**Community Health Primer**

**Location:** MFA 22nd and I St, also site visits around DC  
**Dates:**

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Contact: David Popiel, dpopiel@mfa.gwu.edu or Dr. Chad Henson Martins, chanson@mfa.gwu.edu

The goal of the Community Health Primer (CHP), designed with the Milken Institute School of Public Health Department of Prevention and Community Health, is to teach residents about our local community, give residents a foundation of knowledge in population health, and expose residents to new career possibilities. This one-week elective, offered twice per year, combines didactics, seminars, and site visits, and is a necessary prerequisite for residents who wish to do clinical rotations at local community health centers and DC Department of Health clinics.

For more info, visit: http://smhs.gwu.edu/medicine-residents/rotations/electives/community-health

Evidence Based Medicine
Location: GWU Hospital, 4 south conference room
Dates: This 1 week elective is available 2-4 times per year. Dates will be posted when available
Contact: Dr. Linda Lesky, llesky@mfa.gwu.edu
Description: During this 1 week elective, residents will review principles of evidence based medicine and apply this knowledge to review current literature.

Global Health Primer
Location: MFA 22nd and I St or Milken Institute School of Public Health
Dates: 
Contact: Dr. Zohray Talib, ztalib@mfa.gwu.edu

International health experiences during residency training can provide unique opportunities for professional and personal growth. Given the increasing interest in short-term medical missions, this course seeks to help residents optimize these opportunities by introducing topics in global health, providing an overview of health systems and reviewing conditions commonly seen when doing medical work abroad.

Schedule:
This is a one-week elective, seminar-style with sessions led by global health experts from George Washington University and other global health organizations in the Washington, DC area. Please see the course website for more information.

Visit our residents' GW Global Health Blog or the blog of Dr. Zohray Talib (Director of Global Health Programs).

Health Policy Elective/Hirsh Program in Medicine and Health Policy
Location: Milken Institute School of Public Health, site visits around DC
Contact: Guevenere Burke, guenevere.burke@gmail.com

The goal of the Hirsh Program in Medicine and Health Policy, located within the GW Milken Institute School of Public Health Department of Health Policy Management, is to provide education and training opportunities in health policy to medical and health professions students, residents in all fields of medical practice, and medical and health professionals seeking grounding in health policy. The program offers three-week rotations to GW Residents twice per year.

For more info, see: http://smhs.gwu.edu/medicine-residents/rotations/electives/health-policy

**Research Electives**

To request a research elective, you must submit a research proposal and the GME Research rotation form to the program director at least 30 days in advance. If the program director approves your proposal, it will be sent to the GME office for final approval. A write-up of the work you have accomplished in abstract format and a one paragraph reflection on your experience is due to the program director within 6 weeks of the end of your research rotation.

The purpose of this elective is to allow you to perform research. Proposals to simply write up work which has already been completed will not be approved.

If your work requires IRB approval, you must obtain this before your elective start date.

**Note that the GME office must receive all forms at least 30 days in advance of your start date, so please hand them in to the program coordinator at least 6 weeks in advance!**

**Away Electives**

Away electives are reserved for unique experiences that one cannot have at GW or one of our affiliated sites.

**Domestic (U.S.) Rotations:**

Click here for more information. To request a domestic (in the United States) away rotation, you must submit the GME Elective Rotation form as well as your personal learning objectives to the program director. If the program director approves your proposal, it will be sent to the GME office and to Dr. Wasserman for final approval. Approval is generally granted only for important training experiences you cannot have here at GW or the VAMC.

**Note that the GME office must receive all forms at least 90 days in advance of your start date, so please hand them in to the program coordinator at least 4 months in advance!**

Please note that it is your responsibility to establish a contact person as well as an appropriate supervisor at your sponsoring institution. Any additional licenses, training licenses, employee health needs and paperwork that may be required by the sponsoring institution are your responsibility. Be sure to allow time for these, especially out-of-state
licences. Remember - per DC law, you may NOT get a full license outside of DC unless you also have a full DC license. (This is waived in your last 6 months of residency only.)

International Rotations:
All international rotations must be approved by Dr. Zohray Talib, Director of Global Health Programs. Residents who hope to do a clinical rotation abroad will also be required to design a project (such as research, scholarly activity, or personal reflection) to be performed while abroad. This must also be approved by Dr. Talib.

To request an international away rotation, you must submit the GME International Elective form as well as your personal learning objectives to your chief resident and Dr. Zohray Talib. You must also meet with Dr. Talib to discuss your project. If Dr. Talib and the program director approve your proposal, it will be sent to the GME office, to Dr. Wasserman, and to the International Medicine Office for final approval.

Note that the GME office must receive all forms at least 90 days in advance of your start date, so hand them in to the program coordinator at least 4 months in advance! GW’s international office also requires several pieces of documentation. You will be directed there by the GME office.

Prior Rotations completed by GW residents:
- Project Medishare in Haiti
- Honduras
  - Occurs in September. Contact Dr. Tracy in May
- BIDMC in Botswana

Design Your Own Elective

If there is anything you are interested in that is not listed here, please talk to your chiefs about it. You are able to design your own experiences in clinical medicine, research, etc. Please talk to the chief residents for more information.