

University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Saigon, Vietnam
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Elective: Radiology

Site: University of Medicine & Pharmacy, Saigon, Vietnam

Role: Medical Student (Year 4)

Description:

The learner will take the role of a junior member of a radiology team. With supervision, the learner will be responsible for the diagnosis of patients with various radiographically identifiable diseases. This involves new admissions through the ER and ward consults.

Objectives:

Knowledge

- To learn the basic principles of Radiology and become comfortable with the many diagnostic techniques available
- To become proficient in interpreting currently available imaging procedures, specifically in CT, MRI, plain radiographs, and ultrasound.
- To understand the indications, contraindications, risks, limitations, and costs of different imaging modalities.
- To work alongside and learn from the radiologist and/or residents in a consultant role.
- To gain skills in recognizing basic anatomic structures as they appear on different imaging studies in physiologic and pathologic states.
- To become comfortable enough in interpreting imaging modalities such that I can function relatively independently as a future resident.
- Gain an appreciation for tropical medicine and illnesses endemic to Vietnam and South East Asia.

Communication

- communicate with patients, families, and other healthcare workers through a translator when necessary
- learn basic Vietnamese
- present and discuss cases with the healthcare team, complete with history of presenting illness, diagnosis, management plan, and disposition.
- Learn about Vietnamese culture to better understand and empathize with Vietnamese patients in Canada.

Collaborator

- work with other members of the extended health care team in a cooperative and effective manner to enhance holistic patient care.
- Experience medicine in a different medical system and learn how to interact with patients, their families and other health care providers in a professional, compassionate, efficient and culturally appropriate manner.

Advocate

- increase development of global citizenship
- promote safe practices among healthcare workers

Manager

- Develop an appreciation of the cultural, physical, social and economic issues that must be considered when determining appropriate patient treatment and disposition in Vietnam.

Scholar

- present interesting cases at rounds
- promote evidence-based medicine in decision making

Professional

- practice in a culturally competent and safe manner
- maintain humbleness in representing Canadian healthcare workers professionally and competently.