

ROTATIONS REPORT

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I- INTRODUCTION & THANKS

I am Dr Benisa Joassaint, 2nd year -resident of Internal Medicine at “ l’Hopital de l’Universite d’Etat d’Haiti(HUEH)”. In the context of a program organized by Association of Haitian physicians aboard (AMHE) and SImACT (Société immobilière d’agriculture, de commerce et de tourisme), I received a letter on 10/12/11 from the CEO of the Brooklyn Hospital Center, Dr Richard B. Becker, mentioning that I have been invited to participate in a medical externship in that hospital, commencing on October 24, and culminating on January 21, 2012.

Dr Christine Beauharnais, a resident from “ l’Hopital Universitaire Justinien(HUJ) and I met in Brooklyn. Then, we met Dr Paul Nacier , Dr Patrick Leblanc, Dr Louidon Pierre, and Dr L. Eric Jerome, who let us know the principles of this 3-month-rotation and introduced us to the Brooklyn Hospital Center, and later to Interfaith Medical Center.

I want to thank warmly AMHE, particularly the persons mentioned above, SImACT particularly Dr Lesly Kernisan, the Brooklyn hospital center particularly Dr Richard B. Becker and Interfaith Medical Center for making this program a reality and a great benefit for the young Haitian physicians. I thank Dr Gladys T. Prosper, dean of “Faculté de Médecine et de Pharmacie, Université d’Etat d’Haiti” and Dr Elsie M. Chalumeau, “chef du service de Médecine Interne-HUEH”. These acquired knowledges will be used to improve the quality of healthcare in Haiti. I also want to be grateful to my family and everyone else who have somehow supported my living in Brooklyn, NY during these 3 months.

II-DIFFERENT ROTATIONS & TIMING

We usually work from Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

1- BROOKLYN HOSPITAL CENTER

Oct 26- Nov 4

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

consults and Rounds in Urgent care and Acute care sections with residents and attending physicians

Nov 7- Nov 11

VASCULAR LAB

Vascular dopplers

Identify blood clots and arteriosclerosis plaques

2- INTERFAITH MEDICAL CENTER

Nov 14- Dec 23

A-NEPHROLOGY:

Kidney anatomy & physiology briefing

Clinical Assessment of Renal function

Acute & Chronic kidney Failure, and Hemodialysis

Hydro-electrolytic Disorders (Sodium, potassium, water)

Acid-base disturbances

Calcium, Phosphorus and Magnesium metabolism in Chronic kidney failure

Hypertension and Hypertensive Nephropathy

Diabetes and Diabetic Nephropathy

Nephritic Syndrome

Nephrotic syndrome

Interstitial Renal Disease

Diuretics and mechanism of action

Rounds on Patients with Renal Disease

I assisted to Hemodialysis Access procedures (1 femoral catheter, 1 jugular marroca cather, 1 AV fistula, 1 AV graft ablation).

B-CARDIOLOGY

EKG lectures

Rounds in Cardiac Care Unit (CCU)

3- BROOKLYN HOSPITAL CENTER

Dec 26- Jan 6

HEMATOLOGY-ONCOLOGY DIVISION

Hemato-oncological consults and Rounds with fellows and Attending

Conferences on Polycythemia Vera, Platelets Disorders

I assisted at 5 Bone marrow aspirations and biopsies

Jan 10-21

MEDICAL ICU

Consults and Rounds with residents and attending Physicians.

I assisted to placement of subclavian line.

4- BI-WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MEETING (4:00 pm -)

We have a convivial meeting with Dr Paul Nacier, the person in charge of the program. We discuss about the rotations and topics are debated such as: Anion gap, Hyponatremia, Infectious hepatitis, cirrhosis, hepatorenal syndrome, hyperkalemia, psoriasis.

5- We also participated in the conference of AMHE, on December 10, at Marriott Hotel in Long Island.

III-COST

we have received 2600 USD from AMHE for meals, cell phone, winter clothes, transportation, etc...

III-COMMENTS AND SUGGESTS

This program is a great opportunity offered to young Haitian physicians doing hospital residency. It allows to learn and to share experiences with hospitals in USA. It opens way to new horizons and to appreciate the features of sciences and technologies in medicine.

It also provides us skills to have better capability to help our patients in Haiti.

However there are things to improve in this program to make it more beneficial not only for the recipient, but also for the hospitals and patients, thus for HAITI:

1)Better planification

Beside the CEO of the Brooklyn Hospital center, it would be important that the different departments be informed about the program. Then, the resident would be more welcome during his rotations. These rotations and their schedules would be planned by the resident, the program coordinator and the hospital, based on the needs and the availability of the departments (residents and attending physicians).

2-Academic activities

The resident should present topics to the staff with whom he's rotating, as he usually does in every biweekly-Wednesday meeting.

Once back to Haiti, the resident should be involved himself in academic activities in order to share knowledges and experiences with students, interns, others residents and attending physicians; all that in the benefit of the hospital and the patients.

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