

## Respiratory Clerkship Rotation

### AIM

Provide Clerks with a challenging rotation in Respiratory Medicine.

### OBJECTIVES

- Emphasis will be placed on developing good history taking and physical examination skills and learning to adjust the interview and exam appropriately for patients with respiratory complaints. Students will be expected to take a complete occupational history when appropriate.
- Students will be expected to interview and examine patients presenting with respiratory complaints and develop an appropriate differential diagnosis, evaluation and treatment plan.
- Students will have the opportunity to learn basic chest x-ray, pulmonary function and arterial blood gas interpretation skills.
- **Specific objectives** also include acquiring information about a variety of respiratory conditions including:
  1. Evaluation and management of the different forms of obstructive lung disease.
  2. Evaluation of restrictive lung diseases including muscle weakness, chest wall disorders, and Interstitial Lung Diseases. Learning a basic classification of Interstitial Diseases.
  3. Evaluation of patients with suspected Lung Cancer.
  4. Evaluation and management of patients with community acquired Pneumonia.
  5. DVT/PE.
  6. Respiratory failure.
  7. Symptoms and x-ray findings suggestive of Tuberculosis.
  8. Proper use of MDI and spacer devices.

### RESOURCES

Respiratory inpatient and consultation services  
General pulmonary outpatient  
Asthma Clinics  
Interhospital imaging and Academic Rounds - Friday am

### EXPECTATION OF THE CLERKS

The students should consider this rotation to be “proactive”. It is expected that the student will be available for all days both weeks (time away will be allowed for regularly scheduled Clerkship seminars and exams) and will take call as per the Clerkship guidelines. This is not a “9-5” service and unless attending scheduled Clinics, the student will be expected to be available to see in-hospital patients with the Preceptor or Resident.  
Expected time commitment 75% inpatient, 15% clinic, 10% rounds/seminars.

### Day 1 contact info by site

SITE	DAY AND TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT PERSON
PLC	Monday 08:00 AM	Unit 39	Respirologist on Call
RGH	Monday 08:00 AM	Holy Cross Ambulatory Care Centre (Main Floor) Pulmonary Function Lab Area (Residents Workroom)	
FMC	Monday 08:00 AM	Doc's Lounge	Pulmonary Team (for sign over)

**CALL**

There is NO call requirement for this rotation for clinical clerks.

**RESOURCES**

1. [www.respiratorymedicine.ca](http://www.respiratorymedicine.ca)
2. Look at the letter for the rotating Residents which gives you some idea of the nature of the service at each site.