

ELECTIVE NAME:

Endocrinology and Metabolism

COURSE NO:

MED 622

PREREQUISITE:

Required Medicine Clerkship

INSTITUTION:

Spectrum Health Butterworth
Saint Mary's Health Care

DESCRIPTION:

This elective is designed to expose students to patients with suspected or diagnosed endocrine diseases. Most patients will be seen in the office, but some inpatient consultations also arise. Students will see how endocrine disease presents in average patients. During the rotation, they will learn to collect a detailed but focused history for endocrine disease, see physical manifestations of the disease, and learn the rationale for diagnostic testing. They will also study the intricacies of interpreting laboratory and imaging studies, including the effect of normal physiological rhythms, and the effect of medications. The most frequent endocrine problems seen include thyroid disorders, disturbances of calcium metabolism, hirsutism and adrenal dysfunction and pituitary diseases.

EVALUATION:

Preceptor(s) will be asked to submit a written evaluation at the conclusion of the clerkship. Faculty are encouraged to provide ongoing feedback throughout elective rotations.