

Clerkship Block Newsletter

Welcome to the Class of 2023!

The new MS3s start their clerkships on Thursday, January 21st. Prior to the start of the block, they will have had a week of joint didactics with the Pediatrics clerkship and all OB/GYN clerkship didactics completed except for the FS Day didactics on Mondays during the rotation.

[Read the Winter Quarter Clerkship Update from the SOM](#)

Important Notes

Note that because of social distancing requirements and schedule conflicts, the first block of students have not yet had a clinical skills session. We have given them videos to review. Expect them to be at least somewhat unpracticed in scrubbing, gowning and gloving, suturing and the breast and pelvic exams. (The in-person breast and pelvic exam instruction typically provided to the MS2 students prior to clerkship year was a virtual session in 2020, so the students are unlikely to have much hands-on experience with these exams.)

Block 1, 2021

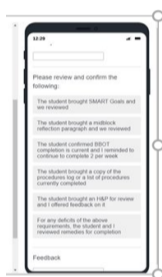


Our friend, Zoom.

Spotlight On: TCB Didactics

Our new joint didactics week with **Pediatrics** allows us to approach similar topics from an interdisciplinary perspective. Examples of paired didactics include: Health Disparities in Reproductive Health and on the Nursery; Maternal and Adolescent Addiction; Intrapartum and Postpartum/Newborn Care.

Midblock Evaluation Form



Available on mobile devices

Based on your feedback at the last site directors meeting, we have created a midblock checklist form for you to use when you meet the students at midpoints. This form is electronic (accessed through qualtrics, like the BBOTs) and a link to the form will be sent to both you and the student along with the midblock reminder email. A print-out is attached for your information.

Finally, we are committed to providing the students the evaluations that the UCSF School of Medicine endorses for equitable, timely and substantive feedback of students on the clerkships. Student grades are due 30 days after the end of the clerkship block and evaluations must be completed in advance of this date so that we can compile and input the grades.

We will be requiring students to schedule a minimum of 1 evaluation every week. In order to make it easier for the evaluators, the students will be encouraged to send them an email with a brief synopsis of the work they did with them and include a picture.

We are also creating a standardized schedule to send out evaluation reminders in advance of the end of the clerkship. In addition to the regular, automatically-scheduled reminders that are sent by MedHub, the clerkship staff will be sending weekly reminders to anyone with incomplete evaluations, starting in Week 5 of the clerkship. In subsequent weeks, reminders will be cc'ed to the site director and Dr. Murtha, the Chair of the UCSF OB/GYN department (for the UCSF Mission Bay, Fresno and ZSFG sites).

Thank you for all your help and your patience.

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