

Welcome Letter

Subject: Outpatient Allergy Clinic Rotation

Welcome to the Johns Hopkins Asthma and Allergy Center Outpatient Allergy Clinics. We are pleased to have you join us for an experience in our general allergic diseases. In order to smooth the transition into our clinics, we have prepared a brief outline of expectations for each clinic.

All new patients and certain return patients are to be dictated or typed into EPR/EPIC (when EPIC is available) within 24 hours of the patients' visit. If dictating, please remember to dictate the attending's name and physician's number, clinic code (Bayview Clinical Immunology 906) and use the patient's JHH history number. It is expected that you will participate in the evaluation of both new and return patients as scheduling permits.

Recommended reading - Northwestern University Allergy-Immunology Syllabus: Residents and Students, Allergy and Asthma Proceedings 2012:33(3):S L-SII L, Middleton Textbook: Allergy Principles and Practice

A postdoctoral fellow may also be available to staff the clinic.

Conferences

All residents are invited to attend our Divisional Conferences offered during their rotation. The Division Calendar can be accessed through <http://jhuasthmaallergy.jhmi.edu>. Conferences during the academic year are on Wednesdays: Research Conference 1:00-2:00 and Clinical Teaching Program 2:00-3:00 pm; and Fridays Clinical Topics 1:00-2:00 pm. We highly recommend the Wednesday, 1-2 pm and Friday 1:00-2:00 pm conferences, which centers around clinical topics.

In addition, we have included skin test forms, as well as instructions regarding allergen immunotherapy; these items will also be reviewed and discussed with you at the beginning of your rotation.

Learning Objectives

- 1) To familiarize yourself with the work-up of a patient with IgE-type hypersensitivity and other related disorders
- 2) To obtain more in depth understanding of the pathophysiology of these disorders
- 3) To understand the management of allergic rhinitis and indications for immunotherapy
- 4) To understand the management of mild asthma according to NHLBI guidelines
- 5) To understand the management of food allergies in adults, primarily of the most common one, peanut allergy
- 6) To understand the management of chronic urticaria and angioedema
- 7) To understand the management of anaphylaxis

In the syllabus, you will find literature addressing the above illnesses, which are most commonly encountered in the allergy clinic. It is important for you to read through these manuscripts and chapters and discuss any questions you have with your attendings. They will both give you the opportunity to do so during patient presentations, in the course of the clinics.

Finally, a few cases and questions that are used in Internal Medicine Board Review courses are attached.