

# Phase 2 Peer to Peer Feedback for Electives

## MED 9101.01 Subspecialty 2 weeks

- Definitely would recommend students who are interested in psych to ask about Dr. Martinson in Minot. I would also recommend to look at what rotations you will get less of (ex, I am only vaguely interested in neuro but we only have two weeks of neuro scheduled, so I did an elective week in pediatric neurology with Dr. DeCock and it was super fun and I am very glad I did).
- This rotation gives a well rounded introduction into multiple aspects of ophthalmology including surgery, clinic, and ophthalmology subspecialties like cornea. This is a huge strength of the rotation because you are not limited to only seeing only a small part of the field of ophthalmology and are able to see a lot more eye diseases and cases that you would otherwise not see because they would be sent out of town to see a specialist. This rotation is short but gives you a very clear picture into the life of an ophthalmologist. I would recommend this elective to anyone who thinks they like surgery and have an eye for the fine details. Their biggest expectation of you as a student is to be a sponge and learn while on the job, ask questions, and stay interested while you are there. Compared to other rotations and doctors, the intensity of this rotation is quite low, and it allows you to appreciate the specialty and learn a lot about something that most doctors know little about.
- Both of these electives were really fun and you get to do a lot! All the preceptors I worked with were amazing and willing to teach! 100% recommend both!
- Choose things that you won't get to see otherwise! For example, looking back I wish I would have done GI during my IM rotation and chosen something else in its place, like emergency medicine or something.
- Do as much as you can, as they love teaching hands on skills.
- Try to take it as early as possible, if you wait too long you might not know if you truly love a field until you've committed to another
- Excellent rotation for anyone interested in oncology. The doctors at BCC are able to communicate effectively and teach to the level of a medical student. Would recommend this rotation.
- I had an amazing time in the ED. You will have a lot of opportunity for hands on skills and exposure to a large variety of patients and problems. When Reisenauer is with you, your duties are very clear and you will be expected to do suturing, stapling, FAST exams, non-emergent US examinations, patient education and more. On the days that he is absent, it will be on the student to approach providers and ask for the opportunity to see particular patients or assist in procedures. For students that are aggressive in creating their own learning opportunities, there will be no issue on this rotation, and you will learn a lot.
- No recommendations it was a nice experience.
- There is a lot of autonomy on the ER rotation, and you get to make some medical decisions that are useful in patient care.

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- Rheumatology: I had a great experience with Dr. Poddar. He takes a lot of time to teach about autoimmune diseases throughout the week. He will give you many opportunities to practice joint exams/look at x-ray findings. He has a packed schedule and is thorough with his exams, so there were limited opportunities to interview/present the patient before seeing the patient together. However, he keeps students engaged throughout the process and appreciates when you ask questions/ have done Uworld questions on the topics! NICU: I also had a great learning experience with Dr. Brown. This was a great introduction to the NICU, and I had many opportunities to ask questions and learn from various staff members - PT, OT, speech therapy, nurse practitioners, nurses, and respiratory therapy. Since I was only in the NICU a short time, this was more of a time to get to know the place and learn about what they do without a ton of student responsibilities. I think if you are interested in a 4th year NICU rotation, this would be useful to do for an introduction before that rotation!
- I think that the opportunity to follow maternal fetal medicine is worthwhile to any medical student considering becoming OB/GYN in the future. It is so beneficial to see how 'high risk' pregnancies are managed and the amount of care that goes into taking care of these moms and babies. This team does an exceptional job explaining complex diagnoses to parents and ensuring that all of their questions are answered before they leave their office. It is also a wonderful opportunity to learn more about ultrasound!
- The ED elective was a good experience and all of the doctors I worked with were happy to have me there and teach me. They also let you participate in procedures, suturing, etc if you want to.
- The rotation was helpful, no adjustments advised from my stand point.
- Dr. Saleem was a great teacher during my week with him. He introduced me to each patient and included me during the discussion with the patient and had teaching points after each patient encounter. I would highly recommend doing a rotation with Dr. Saleem, as I learned a lot of information about nephrology, but also, Dr. Saleem and I discussed my future plans and he had great insight about this. Dr. Hixson and Dr. O'Boyle were very welcoming to me during my week at the CHI emergency department. I think this rotation provides a great opportunity for people to work on differential diagnosis skills and focused histories and physicals. Both physicians were great teachers, wanted to teach, and enjoyed having students during these two weeks. This rotation also provided flexibility for shifts, which was great. I would highly recommend this rotation.
- It's there if you want it. more cranial focused pathologies. does see Spine patients in clinic, not in OR. Much richer experience if you take call.
- I think looking at youtube videos or finding some way to review histology of skin prior to the rotation is helpful.
- great elective
- Come ready to learn and enjoy!
- Make sure to come prepared with questions and don't be afraid to ask to get involved.
- I would recommend this elective to students who are interested in surgery, anesthesia, or who want to improve their procedural ability. You get a large amount of hands on experience performing procedures.

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- This is a great elective if you are interested in all of the work that goes into every order you place in EPIC. Additionally, it is a good chance to correlate the histopathology of disease with the clinical presentation.
- Highly recommend taking a pathology elective at some point if you plan on going into a specialty that routinely submits biopsy specimens (so almost any specialty besides psych). Otherwise the 'lab/path' will always be a mysterious entity that may or may not actually exist. Taking this elective will help you understand what you are sampling and some of the terminology that goes into a path report. It'll make you a more rounded, knowledgeable clinician. You might even find that you like it. Pathology has a pretty good work-life balance so it is definitely worth exploring.
- You will definitely feel like a fish out of water when it comes to knowing things. The medicine practiced in the NICU is very different. With hindsight, I wish that I rotated in the NICU a bit later (my career exploration elective with NICU was during my very first rotation) and I think I would have benefited from having more confidence and medical experience under my belt, but I don't think it hampered my rotation here at all. I was still included with the providers and treated as if I was someone worth listening to, and that was huge for me feeling accepted and welcome in the NICU.
- Even if you aren't interested in pursuing radiology as a career, this elective would be beneficial to your learning because I am very confident that the information I learned on this rotation is going to help me in every other rotation.
- Dr. Juelson is a good resource for students interested in orthopedics.
- I have nothing but positive things to say about this elective. I had an amazing time and would love to do it again. 10/10 experience.
- My dream is to be a neurosurgeon and I plan to apply for the neurosurgery match. Dr Kraljic took me under his wing with ease and taught me verbally (anatomy, physiology, psychosocial) but more importantly taught me by example (calmness, patience, humility). I was also allowed to do many things under his supervision that i'm not sure many medical students get to partake in which i believe was special. I hope to not just be a neurosurgeon but to be a great neurosurgeon like Dr Kraljic whom I look up to. His team (Will, PA-C) was excellent as well and taught me a number of very important things but were most importantly very humble. Although I am only a student I was made to feel like a part of the team and this amplified my experience greatly. At the beginning i was nervous to scrub and partake with the surgery but after only a few days in I found myself wanting to stay and keep learning in this environment. Overall it was a pleasure and privilege to be with this team and I wish it wasn't over.
- This rotation far exceeds my expectations. The eyes are so glossed over during pre-clinical and most rotations so it was great to dive into the anatomy, physiology, and pathology of these important structures. I am shocked at how much I have learned over the past two weeks in ophthalmology. Every doctor I worked with was phenomenal about teaching me important information for boards, ophthalmology, and how ophtho pertains to my specialty of interest (EM). I felt cared for and challenged on this rotation, two things that are hard to have together.
- Make sure to always look up and learn about relevant anatomy and procedures the the evening prior.

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- My elective was a great experience, I got a lot of hands on experience which was very beneficial to my training. My IR rotation especially really gave me hands on experience and basic training that will be beneficial beyond IR.
- It was a good opportunity to explore subspecialties off the one that I'm interested in

**MED 9201.01**  
*Subspecialty*  
Elective (2 weeks)

- I highly recommend this rotation if you are interested in radiology
- If you are looking for more experience and insight into OB/GYN and want to understand more about the specialty, I would highly recommend doing this for your elective period to gain further experience in the field.
- This is a great rotation if you are considering general surgery. You will get to learn more about the field and see some cool cases. Like any other surgery rotation it can be time-demanding and a lot of hard work but it's worth it if you're considering becoming a general surgeon.
- Make sure to ask questions and enjoy yourself!
- I would definitely recommend a rotation through heme/onc. I learned about treatment plans, chemo, radiation treatment and follow up with patients after these treatments.
- Great experience if you are thinking about surgery.
- No other feedback.
- If considering PMR, consider rotating with Dr. Chantasi. He is honest about his practice and lifestyle and provides a true perspective of the position and field.
- If you are even slightly interested in what IR does or want to learn more about IR, I would highly recommend this elective. The preceptors are great at keeping you involved and are more than happy to help guide you in the residency application process if IR is what you chose to pursue.
- Perfect for those considering a pediatric specialty

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## **MED 9301.01** Subspecialty Elective (2 weeks)

- Attendings are happy to have students and let them get involved as much as they would like. They are good about getting you lots of experiences in a shorter amount of time rather than having you sit around all day to watch them do stuff or wait for procedures. It is a low-stress rotation with some fun hands-on learning and pleasant preceptors.
- The team environment on this rotation was a great experience. There is a 'number of shifts' requirement but the scheduling of those shifts was very flexible. Was an absolutely great rotation for building focused history/assessment skills in a short time for a wide variety of patient populations, conditions, and acuity levels.
- Go elective to see lots of different pathology related to the skin.
- Rounds are very engaging and educational, but aren't intimidating. The preceptors are very cognizant of your time and tend to give you plenty of time for reading/recreation
- I think if you have any interest at all in anesthesia, you will love this rotation. The anesthesiologists at Altru are amazing and every single one of them was always so nice and so happy to help teach me and answer any questions I had. As well as that, the other staff there were extremely friendly and always helped me, even when I was struggling to do things they expected of me.
- Really try to pick something you're interested in or something that will help you in your future practice.
- This elective is very much geared towards people who want to go into urology. I would suggest it to people with interests in the OR and urology who are ready to work hard and be there the full time each day.
- loved working with Dr nausheen!
- If you have the opportunity to shadow with Dr. Charette and the vascular surgery team you will not be disappointed. I was able to scrub in on every surgery that he did during my rotation and he included me in procedures where appropriate, giving trust to a medical student in this setting could be nerve racking for some but Dr. Charette is very trusting and walks you through anything you may be helping with during surgeries, exams or post-op care.
- This elective provided me with 2 weeks to focus on orthopedics and really dive in. I feel like it was extra valuable doing it in Fargo at Sanford since there is the residency located there. It allows you to see the life of a resident and what your future might look like if you indeed want to go into that specialty. I feel like some resources that were helpful to me included ["Pocket Pimped Orthopedics"](#) along with Netters Orthopedics. This helped me familiarize myself even more with the orthopedics world.

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### **MED 9401.01**

*Subspecialty Elective*  
(2 weeks)

- It would have been helpful to have known about the elective requirements for MILE program prior to halfway through the year.
- Great experience with diagnostic and interventional radiology, very reasonable hours - Dr. Lewis is great at teaching and will walk you through his process of reading imaging studies.
- Great elective
- If you are interested in a specific specialty, do your best to learn from more than one preceptor in that field.
- I had a great experience in my pathology elective. I could gross and review slides where I could be independent and investigate while my preceptor provided feedback.
- Make efforts early to find a preceptor willing to host you for SDL time if the specialty is not a core clerkship.

### **MED 9525**

*Transition to Residency – 2 weeks*

- Well prepares someone for residency
- good information for transition to residency
- Very helpful with answering questions pertaining to residency. I would highly recommend this rotation to those who have questions about residency and looking for tips to succeed.
- Overall, this is a great lighter rotation to end 4th year on that has a lot of helpful information that won't be too taxing during that transition from medical student to resident.
- Some helpful content about life after medical school that isn't found in normal medical school curriculum
- This rotation is a great review of topics covered earlier in your medical education that are more pertinent now that you are preparing to enter residency in addition to covering new topics that you have not yet learned and think may be helpful. It's also a wonderful chance to talk with residents about what to expect in residency and hear what their best advice is. It is laid-back and informative, but not demanding. A great way to end the year!
- I believe this rotation will be mandatory next year, but I do think it will be worth your while. This rotation covered aspects of medicine that don't get included anywhere else but are important for residency.
- This course provides valuable skills and knowledge relating to residency. It is laid back and time efficient. Gives lots of time to focus on moving for residency and preparing for graduation
- This rotation was very lowkey and it gave great advice.
- This was a great rotation, completely virtual. Went home and had a ton of free time.

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### **MED 9604.01** *ROME TRHE*

- Students should be prepared to complete this project early (e.g. have a rough draft within the first half of the elective in order to have time for feedback and re-editing).
- Pick a topic you are passionate about and have fun with it.
- This was a required elective during the ROME rotation. You get to pick a topic related to rural health care and write an article about it. It will eventually get published in a newspaper in that rural location. The staff are really helpful with making corrections and getting it ready to be published in the newspaper.
- Highly recommend rotating with pathology. It is helpful to understand where surgical specimens go, how they are processed, and how the pathology report is generated. The pathologists are happy to teach!
- If you have any interest in Pathology I would suggest this rotation. Pathology is a specialty that many people do not know about the day to day experiences that they have. I learned a lot and the doctors I learned under were so kind.
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