



Department of
UROLOGIC SCIENCES
UBC

**YEAR 3 CLERKSHIP
DEPARTMENT OF UROLOGIC SCIENCES
DESCRIPTION**

Location of Clerkships:

Hospitals: VGH, SPH, BCCH, RCH, SMH, BGH, LGH, RMH

Clinics in Hospitals:

**VGH – general urology, oncology and renal transplant
SPH – renal transplant, stones
BCCH – general pediatric urology, meningomyelocele
RCH – general urology
SMH – general urology
BGH – general urology
LGH – general urology
RMH – general urology**

Call Schedule: 4 call nights in a 2-week rotation

Service Description:

The UBC Department of Urologic Sciences offers electives/selectives at Vancouver General Hospital, St. Paul's Hospital, BC Children's Hospital, Royal Columbian Hospital, Surrey Memorial Hospital, Burnaby General Hospital, Lions Gate Hospital and Ridge-Meadows Hospital. Generally, students will be assigned to a single site but may spend time at other sites during the elective provided there is no conflict with other students. There are usually 3-4 urology residents at VGH, 2-3 residents at SPH and 2 residents at BCCH, no residents at RCH, SMH, BGH, LGH, RMH. Students

will take call approximately four nights in a two-week rotation, usually with the most senior resident on the service at the time.

The urology service at all sites is responsible for treating all acute urologic emergencies through the emergency room. Typical emergency cases include stone disease, blunt and penetrating urologic trauma, urosepsis, urinary retention, gross hematuria and renal failure due to obstructive uropathy. The VGH service has an emphasis on urologic oncology and transplantation. The St. Paul's service has an emphasis on stone disease, minimally invasive surgery and transplantation. BC Children's service provides tertiary pediatric urologic care for the province including renal transplantation. Adult renal transplantation is only offered at VGH and SPH.

Students rotating through urology will have an opportunity to assist in the OR, see in-patient consultations, emergency room referrals and attend outpatient clinics. Students will have a good exposure to general urology as well as tertiary care urology. Students will learn to take a pertinent urologic history, improve their physical exam skills (including DRE and pelvic exams) and learn the basic interpretation of ultrasound and CT imaging of the urinary tract. Students will also learn the basic skills of urinary catheter insertion and cystoscopy.

The daily schedule will depend on the hospital service assigned but students should expect to start each day at 0630 or 0700 hours. Grand Rounds take place each Wednesday morning at VGH from 0700-0800 hours (September to June). Students are welcome to attend the resident academic half-day each Friday from 1300–1700 hours.

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