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Participating Faculty:	Drs. William H. Donovan, Juan Latorre, Feodora Castillo, Jennifer Harrison, Walter Wade, Mia Dajoyag Meja and Juan Latorre
Location:	The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research or VA Medical Center
Offered:	Each period
Max. # Students/Period:	2

Course Objective

Material Covered:

- Throughout the rotation, the student will demonstrate the ability to manage rehabilitation of spinal cord injured patients.
- Throughout the rotation, the student will demonstrate the ability to work with patients, families, the interdisciplinary team, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, rehabilitation nurses, other physicians, neuropsychologists, research associates, office staff, and community resources.

Skills Acquired:

- Demonstrate clinical skills necessary to evaluate a spinal cord injured patient including a comprehensive history and physical;
- Demonstrate an understanding of the pathophysiology and classification of spinal cord injury and the prediction of ultimate outcome after spinal cord injury;
- Demonstrate competency in the management of medical complications unique to spinal cord injured patients such as spinal stability, respiratory compromise, neurogenic bowel and bladder, spasticity, and heterotopic ossification; and
- Demonstrate an understanding of the psychosocial problems of spinal cord injured patients and their families and friends.

Activities Of Elective

Number Of New Patients/Student/Week: Varies, up to 3 new inpatients per week

Responsibilities Of Student For Assigned Patients:

Does history/physical:	Yes
Who critiques:	Faculty
Follows patients, with appropriate notes as needed:	Yes
Who supervises:	Faculty
Does student see ambulatory patients:	Yes

Procedures	Observe	Perform
Debridement		X

Scheduled Duties of Student:

Frequency of rounds on patients:	Daily
Presents patients to preceptor or attending physician:	Yes
Weekly schedule of required teaching sessions:	Teaching rounds with faculty mentor every week; outpatient teaching clinics in spinal cord injury; research conference every week; and case conference one per week.

Describe Optional Rounds And Activities, If Any:

CME rehabilitation conferences as available

Other Required Activities:

Reading/review of current literature:	Yes
Writing or Presenting a paper:	No

How Is Student Evaluated:

By the faculty with input from other team members as appropriate.

Who Evaluates Students:

Faculty

Unique Features Of This Elective:

This elective will allow students to fully participate in rehabilitation management of patients. In addition, research opportunities are available during the rotation for completion as an advanced elective.