Name of Institution / Location:

Columbia University/ New York, NY

Institution Description:

Columbia Presbyterian is an 800 bed hospital and is part of NY Presbyterian Hospital. We have 40 anesthetizing locations which include neuro, cardiac, regional, general, OB and a full pediatric hospital. No trauma, but plenty of heart, lung, liver, kidney and multi-organ transplants. Ambulatory surgery is blended in with everything else.

Geographic Description:

New York City may be the largest metropolitan area in the country with a population of 8.3 million and feed-in from the tri-state area of New York, Connecticut and New Jersey. The hospital is in upper Manhattan, Washington Heights. There are many exciting things to do in the city when students visit, including shows, museums, World Trade Center monument, the Statue of Liberty and sporting events.

Facilities / Services at which students rotate: there are three separate rotations

1) Main OR
2) Cardiac, neuro, regional, peds, OB
3) ICU
4) Acute/chronic Pain Service

Approximate Core Faculty to Resident Ratio: 1:1, though coverage is usually 1:2

Approximate Number of Residents: 81 (not including PGY1 year)

Presence of CRNAs / AAs in training: Yes CRNAs

Length of Rotation offered: 4 weeks

Call Requirement: No

Scheduled Didactic Series: Weekly lecture, weekly department conference

Housing: Self-pay, Office of Medical Students provides list of available short-term options ranging from $300-$650/mo

Flexibility of Scheduling: Some flexibility depending on number of students registered for given block

Student Capacity: 4 max during each block

Months Available: Aug-Feb
Learning Opportunities for Student:

Perform regional anesthesia, airway management, PIV and arterial line placements, spinal anesthesia, run cases with resident and supervising MD.

Pre-Requisites:

1) Must have taken USMLE Step I
2) Must have completed all clinical year rotations
3) Must be in good standing with home institution

Primary Contact:

Must be through the Dean’s Office of the school

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