Dear UCF Medical Student,

Welcome to the Anesthesiology rotation at Bay Pines Veterans Affairs Healthcare System, and thanks for your interest in learning more about this fine specialty.

This elective rotation is designed for one student at a time – you! It is my goal, during your time here, for you to:

- Build on your knowledge of pharmacology, physiology, and pathology and apply them to clinical situations in patients undergoing surgery and invasive procedures.
- Learn lifesaving skills such as mask ventilation and intubation, in a safe learning environment, by participating in airway management through simulation and in the OR. You will also become facile in intravenous cannulization (IV’s).
- Develop an appreciation for the role of the anesthesiologist consultant in perioperative medicine before, during, and after surgery.

Together, we will accomplish these goals through independent reading of anesthesiology reference texts and journal articles, traditional didactic lectures on relevant anesthesiology topics, and one-on-one mentorship.

If you have not yet settled on your specialty of choice, I am happy to assist you in the discernment process, as we in anesthesiology work closely with many specialties throughout the hospital from emergency medicine to critical care pulmonology to surgery to cardiology to interventional radiology and more.

Before beginning your rotation, email me at the VA email address in the left margin. Also, please read chapters 1-5 and 14-24 of “A Guide to Anesthesiology for Medical Students” by the American Society of Anesthesiologists.


See you at the hospital,

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