

Medical School Welcomes Undergraduate Clinical Summer Interns

During the past six weeks the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Office of Admissions hosted 21 undergraduate students from across the country for its annual Summer Clinical Internship Program. Coordinated by Mary Beth Green, participants had the opportunity to shadow 18 clinical faculty members in 16 specialties who graciously shared their time and talent while hosting students uniquely interested in their specific areas of medicine. Students were encouraged to keep the hours of the clinicians throughout the six week program in order to get a real sense of the specialty, the issues in patient care and the practice of medicine.



Additional faculty members facilitated a lunchtime seminar series hosted three days each week to complement the clinical experiences. The Summer Clinical Internship Program culminated with presentations the students made to their peers, preceptors, Carol Terregino, MD, senior associate dean for education, and Liesel Copeland, PhD, director of admissions and medical education, on topics selected and researched with the guidance of the faculty preceptors.

The students were made to feel part of the team at both the medical school and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. One student wrote in her thank you to the physician she shadowed, "You have truly inspired me to be the kind of physician that does anything and everything in her power to connect with her patients and let them know they are being heard and understood."

Another student wrote: "Shadowing at RWJUH was an exciting experience from beginning to end. Overall, it has reaffirmed my desire to pursue a career in medicine."

The Office of Admissions is grateful for those faculty members who make it possible! Thank you to the following for participated in the shadowing program:

Cristan Anderson, MD – Colon and Rectal Surgery
David August, MD – Surgical Oncology
Rehan Aziz, MD – Psychiatry
Rajat Bannerji, MD, PhD – Hematologic Malignancies
Dayla Chefitz, MD – Pediatrics
Richard Drachtman, MD – Pediatric Hematology Oncology
Lawrence Golbe, MD – Neurology
Gaurav Gupta, MD – Neurosurgery

Rajan Gupta – Acute Care Surgery
Marc Lafonte – Acute Care Surgery
Ernest Leva – Pediatric Emergency Medicine
Lena Merjanian – Obstetrics & Gynecology
Maya Ramagopal – Pediatric Pulmonology
Todd Rosen – Maternal Fetal Medicine
Eric Singer, MD, MA – Surgical Urological Cancer
Cherry Song, DO – Acute Care Surgery
Anthony Tobia, MD – Psychiatry
Theodore Eisenstat, MD – Colon and Rectal Surgery

Thank you to the following for participating in the lunchtime lecture series:

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Sarang Kim, MD	David Swee, MD
Nicole Krumrei, MD	Carol Terregino, MD
Marc Lafonte, MD	Anthony Tobia, MD
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