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- Most of my rotation experience at the Saginaw VA was good. The patients were very nice and open to letting students learn from their diseases/findings. I heard nothing but good things about this rotation site which is why I put it on my list. My experience was not entirely the same as previous students though. Unfortunately a couple doctors were out for sick/maternity leave and that left the clinic short staffed. While the remaining doctors did a good job of maintaining the same workload as when they were fully staffed, it was apparent that they were very stressed. This caused it to be a stressful environment for the students as well. I also think some clarification of who was in charge would have been helpful. I was given false information about who I should talk to for patient flow, and ended up stepping on another attending's toes when I did not discuss it with them since I was told to ask someone else.

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- I would HIGHLY recommend Aleda Lutz VAMC to all future externs. I have learned SO much in my short time here! The equipment is all up to date and the staff is so friendly. The doctors have so much knowledge and they all are willing to give their opinion and expertise. I never felt uncomfortable asking questions and there was always time at the end of the morning/afternoon to discuss any patient encounters or concepts that were confusing/difficult. The patient load was great. I had minimal downtime between patients and I was ALWAYS doing something. Even with inevitable no-shows, the technicians and doctors made sure that we always had a patient in our chair. The only weakness within this rotation is that I did not have many low vision patients. However, what the Blind Rehab/Low Vision clinic lacked in quantity of patient encounters, it made up for in quality. Many of the patients had multiple/complex goals and required multiple devices/tints/demonstrations. Overall I rate this rotation as excellent. I feel much more comfortable diagnosing, managing, and following ocular disease. I also have improved my clinical experience/decision making with Low Vision/Blind Rehab patients and I will truly miss Aleda Lutz VAMC and all the doctors, technicians, and staff.
- I had a great experience at the Saginaw VA. I think my growth as a clinician was fostered adequately. I am grateful I was able to extern at this site.