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- Learned a significant amount here! The VA has the externs do the majority of the work which has pros and cons. The only negative is how much we pay to work. Not the VA's fault, just our school's greed.

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- The Detroit VA has exceeded all my expectations as an externship site. I absolutely loved this rotation and everyone there! When I first started, it was challenging especially because I had to adapt to a new setting as well as the charting system but once I did, things were a lot smoother. After spending nearly 4 months at the VA, I can confidently say that my diagnostic skills have significantly improved as a clinician and that I feel more confident in managing/treating patients. One thing I loved about the VA was the ability to order testing such as OCTs, VFs, B scans, Carotid Dopplers, and Lab Work anytime it was necessary. This is not as common in private practice which is unfortunate. Another thing I loved about the VA was having weekly Friday meetings. Interns/residents had to share a weekly interesting case they had and we would discuss them. Moreover, additional educational material was handed to us to read prior to watching presentations which I found very beneficial to me as a student. Being at the VA made me realize how much I enjoy treating and managing vision threatening ocular diseases and for that I am very thankful. I will carry on all my learning not only on my next externship site but also throughout my career. A huge thank you to all staff members for making me a better clinician! I will truly miss the VA and serving our Veterans.
- I could not have been happier with this rotation. Keep doing what you are doing, and please know that students truly appreciate all that this site has to offer.