

MSU Clinical Center  
Average Rating for 2018 – 2019 4.56

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Student Comments:

- Overall this was an excellent site. I definitely saw less patients per day but because each patient was a huge learning experience and something I may never see again it is definitely worthwhile. I enjoyed all of the people I worked with and the environment we worked in. It was great to be around like minded people and I enjoyed all the discussions we had.
- 3. Overall, I feel that MSU Neuro-Ophthalmology is a GREAT rotation! I feel so much more comfortable dealing with a variety of neuro-based cases including anisocoria, papilledema, optic neuritis, CN palsies, etc. It is great to have many of these cases under my belt because there are not something optometrists see often in everyday practice. I have already noticed many of my attendings at my other rotation sites this semester asking for a second opinion on their patients because they know I have had more exposure than them. Also, the fellows are FANTASTIC. Emerson and Mangay were wonderful to me from the very start and were extremely helpful with all of my difficult cases. They were great resources and truly are the backbone of this clinic. I cannot wait to see where their careers take them! Thank you all for everything!

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Student Comments:

- I wish I didn't have to leave this rotation! I absolutely loved coming to MSU! Strengths: - Getting to see patients who are so unique and complex in some cases. There are patients who I've seen at MSU that would be 1 in a million walking through a regular private practice. -Getting to see neuro conditions everyday. Dr. Aslakson prepared me very well for the patient cases I would see there. I feel I have a deeper/better understanding of how to detect and manage those conditions and differentials to look for. I feel as if I'll be a better referring doctor too. -Equipment and test interpretation. I took a lot of OCTs and VF and could see how they correlated to the patient's condition or how they can tell you stability or progression of a disease process. I also got to see MRI's which was pretty cool. Although I am not super proficient in reading them, It was neat to see when I had the chance. I got to work with radiology too, to sit with them when they took a look at images to confirm the impressions or add to it. -The people! It was so fun to go to work everyday and the fellows and doctors there were great to work with. The fellows and I were at a similar point in our education so it was a great experience to talk to them about their cases or bounce ideas off each other. Dr. Nagia is

a great person and doctor. She was always approachable and calm. She allowed me to sit in on any exam/discussion with a patient I wanted and I feel that was very valuable. The staff and the nurses were exceptional too. -Peds. Getting to work with Dr. Glisson was a good experience. -Check out rounds. I liked how we went through cases at the end of the day to discuss key points and learn from patients we didn't see. Weaknesses: Not many -Less patient load. There was times when I would see 2 or 3 patients a day, never more than 5. This could lead to a lot of waiting/down time but thankfully I had good company. There was also check out rounds to hear other cases. Overall, This was perhaps my favorite part of the rotation. I would stay if I could! It had me much more confident in handling any neuro case that comes my way!

**Externship Office Comments:**

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- I would say orientation to the clinic was not the "normal" orientation (I did not have an orientation, all info was done through email). That made it challenging in the beginning because I did not have computer access for about 3 weeks, and had to do EMR and HIPAA training on my own time, on the clinic computers, after hours. Again I don't think that's anyone's fault because all the personnel was not on site like they normally are. The patient load is lower than a "normal" optometry clinic, however, this is not alarming because it is a referral-only specialty clinic. Each patient requires an extensive history, work up, and a lot of data gathering. So, this clinic reigns on quality more so than quantity. A strength of this clinic is that I feel more comfortable with neuro-ocular conditions. I was encouraged to ask lots of questions, research topics on my own and present them to the group. The group of the other Neuro-Ophth fellows would "teach" each other topics every clinic day. A student will feel challenged in this clinic, but learn to work through cases and understand conditions better. A weakness of this clinic is that it is not a clinic for "eye exams." You will not get good at clinical skills like slit lamp and BIO. However, you will get lots of experience with neurological history taking, pupil testing, running visual fields and OCTs, and communicating with other docs and clinics.
- I loved this rotation and appreciate all that I have learned! Being able to see several neuro-oph cases is something I am thankful for!
- **Externship Office Comments:**