
Laria Eye Care
Average Rating for 2021 – 2022 4.30

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- This rotation site great for gaining more experience working with pediatric and special needs patients. The externship trains you well for treating and managing amblyopia patients. Additionally, another strength of this practice is the high volume of patients. The high volume of patients helps develop clinical skills and consistency. I also appreciated the opportunities outside of the clinic such as working on a mobile eye clinic helping underprivileged children, shadowing a neuro-ophthalmologist, and observing surgery with a pediatric ophthalmologist. The staff are also very nice and super helpful! One weakness of this site is that there is quite a bit of overbooking and sometimes it creates an environment that is not so conducive for learning especially with the more difficult patients.
- Overall I enjoyed this site and learned a lot about pediatrics. At the beginning it was difficult with the heavy pediatric patient load.

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- At Laria there is definitely no shortage of patient encounters. Due to the backlog that COVID created we had to "hit the ground running" but within a week I would say I had a good understanding of the clinic flow and a pretty good understanding of the EMR (took a little longer in the beginning to learn but it is vastly different from the EMR we use at the school). The equipment was great, I love the eye chart that Dr. Fischer has created for pediatric patients. The one slit lamp is in rougher condition but all other equipment is in either excellent or good working order. The staff are very helpful and once they get to know you make you feel like you fit right in. COVID did prevent me from being able to go off-sight and shadow some ophthalmology practices and ocular surgeries, but this did not take away from the experience at all, just a bonus missed out on due to circumstances out of anyone's control. This is a great rotation site!
- This rotation is all about numbers and largely nothing else... There is very little time invested or allotted for learning or teaching. Orientation was basic and expectations for understanding the EHR were high from the start. The phoropters were adequate but the

slit lamps were poor with poor optics and broken movements in one room. Dr. Fischer insists that externs use a spot retinoscope instead of a streak despite students having little to no experience with the instrument. The patient load was extreme and with the combined factor of a language barrier with most patients and covid-19 precautions it was nearly impossible to provide adequate care and patient education without falling behind and watching the waiting swell into an unsafe crowd. I felt pressured often compromise my exam in order to see more patients. There is little to no oversight either as the vast majority of my patients had zero interaction with Dr. Fischer. Though I am confident that my care was good this was strange given the oversight I am used too. There is no use of trained or certified translators at the office and all translation is handled either by pre-translated information sheets or youtube videos or by the support staff. I was also surprised by the slack HIPPA precautions as several staff members shared a single 3 digit password and Dr. Fischer always mirrored the screens of the other exam rooms onto her exam room screen even when other patients were present. Overall, I feel that this rotation is not the best learning environment to create a well rounded optometrist. P.s. The support personnel are excellent and exemplify everything I want in office staff one day.

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