

SPECIALIST ROTATION

Patients frequently move between departments at IVS; it is not unusual for animals to be transferred from Overnight ER to the Internal Medicine Department, to the Surgery Department, back to Internal Medicine and back to Overnight ER. This rotation reveals how specialists are included in an ER/Specialty Practice. Time was spent with the Internal Medicine and Surgery Departments, but on Tuesdays, the students would work with Oncology, Dermatology or a Dentistry Specialist, depending on case load. The shift was from 7:30am to 5pm.

The objectives of this rotation include those of Overnight ER, Overnight Technician, as well as the following

- Review referral information in order to appreciate when to refer a patient and how to convey appropriate information for the management of each case
- Understand the responsibilities and limitations of the specialties
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- Assist specialty technicians in handling and restraint, and general patient care/nursing duties
- Assist specialty technicians in preparation of patients for all procedures
- Become knowledgeable in operating room protocols including sterile technique, opening packs, handling instruments and surgical materials, etc.
- Become more knowledgeable of reference labs and their utilization