

ANESTHESIOLOGY CLERKSHIP
(VEM 5761 or 5861) (Required/Standard Elective) - Updated 06/27/18

Brief Description of Service

- Learning Objectives:** The major aim of the Anesthesiology clerkship is to provide, a review of basic knowledge in anesthetic pharmacology and physiology, as well as, clinical experience to the students. The students will learn to perform preoperative evaluation of the patients, review clinical history pertinent to anesthesia, interpret laboratorial results and their impact on anesthetic pharmacokinetics and dynamics and tailor an appropriate anesthetic regime for each patient. The student is also expected to learn the parts and operation of anesthetic machines and how to assemble and test them before use. Also the student will learn how to read and interpret different monitoring parameters used in anesthetized patients. This clerkship should provide enough experience for the learner to refine the motor skills required for anesthesia clinical practice.
- Species Treated in the Service:** All species
- Teaching Rounds:** Case rounds are held every morning prior to clinical cases. On the afternoon topic rounds may be held depending upon the clinic schedule.
- Patient Responsibilities:** Students will be assigned cases that are scheduled to undergo general anesthesia. The number of cases assigned to each student is dictated by the number of cases scheduled for a given day. They are responsible for performing preoperative examination, reviewing the medical record, and formulating a suitable anesthetic plan for each individual patient. Then, along with a trained technician or resident, they will perform anesthesia on their assigned cases. Ideally, the student will stay with a case he/she works up from premedication to recovery.
- Assignments for the Rotation:** Students should review their notes from VEM 5470 prior to starting this clerkship. They are expected to know basic pharmacology of anesthetic drugs, including their classification, use and adverse effects. The students will be assigned cases to work up on the afternoon prior to the scheduled day of anesthesia or throughout the day on emergency cases. Each student is expected to perform anesthesia in both Small and Large Animal Hospitals. Students will have On Call responsibilities which will be shared among the total number of students.
- Faculty on Service (may vary during the year)**
- Service Chief:** Luisito Pablo
- Typical Clinic Hours**
- Weekdays:** Rounds start at 7:15 am every day of the week except Monday (9 am). On the second Friday of the rotation, the students will take a written examination at 7:00 AM (core clerkship students only). The management of daily cases will be discussed in morning rounds. Students are expected to have done the physical examination, review of medical record and anesthetic plan when they show up for rounds. Following rounds the students will perform anesthesia on their assigned cases. The day is complete when all cases are done. On the first day of the rotation students are expected to be in the Small Animal Prep Room at 9:00 AM for orientation.
- Nights:** Three students are assigned emergency duty daily from 5 pm-8am. The primary student on call will be called in first and if necessary, the secondary and third student will be asked to come in. If there are more than two cases being managed after 5 pm, other students may need to stay and help finish cases.
- Weekends:** Two students are assigned emergency duty from 8am-8 am on Saturday and Sunday on a rotating basis.
- Prerequisites:** None
- Case Load Variables: (time of year, etc.)**
Being a support service, the case load will depend on the case load of other services. Usually, there are more small than large animal cases.

Required Attire:

Scrubs and a white laboratory coat are required. The laboratory coat should be worn over the scrubs when the student is out of the sterile surgery area.

Administrative Policies: see Student Handbook

<http://education.vetmed.ufl.edu/dvm-curriculum/student-handbook/>

Remediation

The CVM Academic Advancement Committee reviews the academic performance of all students who receive a failing grade in a course, GPA falls below 2.0, receive “unsatisfactory” grade in criteria (including “readiness to practice”) or who is currently on probation. The committee will meet with the student and their advisor and decide on appropriate action for the student (including, but not limited to, probation or continuation of probation, repeat of semester or full year, dismissal). Full description of these policies can be in Student Services section of Student Handbook.

Attendance

Excused absences for religious holidays and family/personal emergencies must be reported to OSI/instructor as soon as possible. Please see the UF CVM attendance policy <http://education.vetmed.ufl.edu/student-affairs/attendance-policy/> and submit absence requests online as instructed by OSI.

Academic Honesty

All students registered at the University of Florida have agreed to comply with the following statement: “I understand that the University of Florida expects its students to be honest in all their academic work. I agree to adhere to this commitment to academic honesty and understand that my failure to comply with this commitment may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the University.” In addition, on all work submitted for credit the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” To review the student honor code please visit:

<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/judicial/honorcodes/honorcode.php>

Plagiarism includes any attempt to take credit for another person’s work. This includes quoting directly from a paper, book, or website, without crediting the source. Sources should be noted, a link to the website added, or quotation marks placed around the material and attributed, even during online discussions. However, the instructor expects more than simply cutting and pasting in this graduate-level course. Students are expected to review, evaluate and comment on material they research, rather than simply copying relevant material. Work will be graded accordingly.

Professional Behavior

The College of Veterinary Medicine expects all students to be professional in their interactions with patients, colleagues, faculty, and staff and to exhibit caring and compassionate attitudes. These and other qualities will be evaluated during patient contacts and in other relevant settings by both faculty and peers. Behavior of a veterinary student reflects on a student's qualification and potential to become a competent veterinarian. Attitudes or behaviors inconsistent with compassionate care; refusal by, or inability of, the student to participate constructively in learning or patient care; derogatory attitudes or inappropriate behaviors directed at clients, patients, peers, faculty or staff; misuse of written or electronic patient records (e.g., accession of patient information without valid reason) substance abuse; failure to disclose pertinent information on a criminal background check; or other unprofessional conduct can be grounds for dismissal.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Students requesting accommodations must first register with the Dean of Students Office, Disability Resource Center at 352-392-8565. Students may also apply on-line for accommodations. For more information, see the Disability Resource Center website at:

<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/>

The Disability Resource Center will provide a letter to the student who must then meet with OSI to discuss the required accommodations. To ensure that necessary accommodations are provided in a timely manner, it would expedite this process if any student who might need an accommodation would notify OSI during registration.

Student Safety

Contact information for Safety & Security Department: 352-294-4444 (immediate assistance 24/7). University Policy Department: 392-1111; 911 for emergencies.
Counseling and Wellness Center: <https://counseling.ufl.edu/> ; 392-1575.
Staff members in OSI are also readily available for those who need immediate assistance.