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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Megan Eichhorn and I am coordinating the medical student rotation for the upcoming 2012-2013 ski season at the Carlos Otis Stratton Mountain Clinic in Stratton Mountain, Vermont. We have had the pleasure of working with Stony Brook Medical students in the past and were wondering if you had any interested students for the upcoming season. Attached you will find a letter describing what we do here at the Clinic and the types of injuries we encounter. Students are also welcome to contact us directly for more specific information pertaining to the rotation as well as the many perks they receive, like housing located within feet of the gondola, free skiing, rentals, etc.

As in the previous years, students are required to pass a documented program on Universal Precautions (OSHA) ensuring the appropriate handling of blood and fluids. Training on HIPPA regulations, which include the Privacy Rule, Patient Rights Uses and Disclosures of PHI and reasonable safeguards is also needed. Students are also required to have coverage by their instutuion for general and professional malpractice insurance as well as health care insurance coverage.

If you need further assistance or have any questions concerning this rotation, please feel free to contact me either by email: me@cosmcvt.net or by phone at 802-297-2300.

Sincerely,

Megan Eichhorn, R.N.
Medical Students 4 Week Rotation  
Type B Elective

SKIING INJURIES AND ACUTE CARE

Carlos Otis Stratton Mountain Clinic  
Coordinator: Megan Eichhorn, R.N.

Description: Students will work at Carlos Otis Stratton Mountain Clinic in Vermont and have the opportunity to participate, under supervision, in the care of acute trauma, fracture, sprains, lacerations and other acute medical and orthopedic emergencies occurring in a busy ski facility/community. This facility is staffed full-time by a general internist/family physician and orthopedic surgeon as well as a full staff of registered nurses. Opportunities also exist to participate in the preparation for transfer of acutely ill or injured patients to level one or level two institutions by helicopter or ambulance. In addition, students have the opportunity to observe the practice of an internist delivering acute care to a rural community. Direct patient contact is the major learning modality for this elective, including history taking, examination and diagnostic/therapeutic planning. Patient presentations, appropriate procedures, and patient follow-up are expected of the student.

Goals: 1) to understand the acute management and triage of orthopedic and other traumatic injuries in a small community clinic 2.) To gain proficiency in procedures related to injury stabilization and acute care 3.) To observe and participate in delivery of acute medical care in a rural setting 4.) Appropriately allocate and interpret diagnostic imaging modalities.

Methods of teaching: Direct observation and teaching under orthopedic surgeon and/or internist and other staff. Didactic sessions.

Number of patients: Students will be responsible for working up an average of greater than 5 patients a week.

Benefits: A comfortable apartment on site is available for the students. Lift passes and equipment rentals and/or demos are provided as well as ski and snowboarding lessons. Meals can be purchased at employee rates. There is a well equipped sports center also for exercise.

Grading: Grading will be done by supervising staff of Otis Clinic.

Dates: December 1st 2012-December 31st 2012 (2 slots)  
January 1st 2013-January 31st 2013 (2 slots)  
February 1st 2013-February 28th 2013 (2 slots)  
March 1st 2013- March 31st (2 slots)