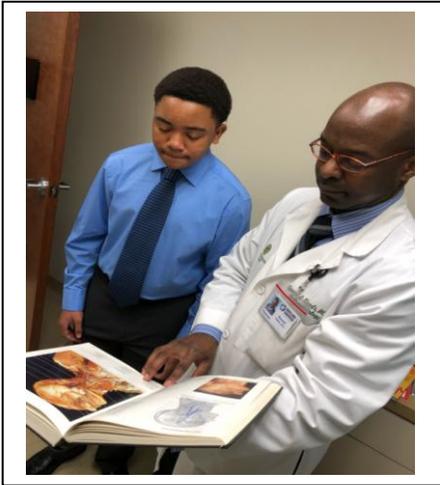


Kevin Davis

Aspiring Orthopedic Surgeon



My internship experience took place at multiple locations. There were a total of three rotations that lasted two weeks each. The experiences with each doctor was unique and allowed me to even find interests outside my desired field of orthopedics.

The first location was St. Vincent's Riverside Hospital, there I shadowed gastroenterologist Dr. Renard Rawls inside of the Borland Grover clinic. The highlight was the fact that I could observe him as he performed surgeries. The primary surgical procedure observed was the upper endoscopy which involves sending a camera attached to the end of a

maneuverable tube through the esophagus, past the stomach, and to the opening of the colon. This was used as a way to scan the area for polyps and take biopsies. Another surgical procedure that I was able to observe was the colonoscopy. The colonoscopy requires patients to fast and ingest a special fluid that cleans out the patient's system of stool an entire day before the surgery. Once the surgery takes place, the tool used for endoscopies is also used for colonoscopies except it is inserted through the anus, then the tool is sent through the intestines to the inside of the colon. Once it has reached its destination the surgeon takes a biopsy and scans the area for polyps. The atmosphere was always friendly and inviting as I transitioned through each of the rooms and met other staff members. My time at Borland Grover even brought about an interest in being a gastroenterologist within me.

Next, came my second rotation with Dr. Rogers Cain, a family practice doctor. The location assigned was his clinic, First Coast Primary Care, in which I was able to learn about the business aspect of medicine. Dr. Cain taught me about the importance of forming positive relationships with anyone you meet on the path to becoming a doctor. The connections that you form can help you in ways that you would never imagine. Another principle that I learned was that owning a clinic requires constant maintenance for both the building and the staff. You must know your staff as well as your building to be able to manage all of your resources. My final takeaway from Dr. Cain was to always remember what it took to get to where you are and take advantage of most opportunities that present themselves. There is no stronger motivator than believing in yourself.

I completed my internship with Dr. Trevor Greene. This time I went to the Baker-Gilmour Cardiovascular Institute. His office had the greatest number of people and really gave me insight into just how many people I could end up working with. I was able to discover the importance of the various jobs outside of just being a doctor. I was also able to spend time talking to and even observing other employees. I was given a demonstration on how patients were treated upon entering to when they left. If a patient had AFib, they

Kevin Davis
Aspiring Orthopedic Surgeon

may be taken downstairs to be placed in a PET scan or be hooked up to various machines by the technicians. A medical assistant may give an EKG on a patient before the doctor steps in. There may even be a need for blood samples to be taken once the patient enters the room. At the Baker-Gilmour Cardiovascular Institute there was never a dull moment with the constant movement and corralling of patients.

All in all, my experiences with these doctors were very memorable and pleasant. I was able to learn so much about the field of medicine that it has truly encouraged me to follow through with becoming an Orthopedic Surgeon; although, the various experiences have also sparked an interest within me for Cardiology and Gastroenterology. This internship experience has done an amazing job in motivating me to pursue my dreams of becoming an Orthopedic Surgeon or to be successful at whatever career my future holds.