

Robert Jones

Aspiring Medical Professional



My internship experience with the AnnieRuth Foundation was amazing. I completed three two-week rotations with three doctors from the North East Florida Medical Society who had various specialties. Each of these physicians showed me a lot within their respective fields so that I could be prepared for the future.

My first rotation was with Dr. Rogers Cain, who had his own practice as a family care physician. He emphasized the importance of having a good relationship with one's patients to help them in the best way possible. At his clinic, First Coast Primary Care, I was able to observe him diagnose patients, have conversations with them, and refer them to other Secondary Care physicians. Dr. Cain also gave me my first glimpse of how the E.M.R (Electrical Medical Records) worked and how his office used it. Maintaining a private practice has its pros and cons, but if you are getting people the help they need it is all worth it. This experience helped me develop better social skills when interacting with patients, which will help me as I strive to become a physician myself.

I was with Dr. Trevor Greene for my second rotation. He is an Electrophysiology Cardiologist who works at Baker-Gilmour, across the street from Memorial Hospital Jacksonville. Dr. Greene would see patients at the office, then do rounds and procedures at Memorial Hospital on those same patients. I got to see a Heart Cauterization, an EKG, and a couple of PET Scans during this rotation. I also got to see Dr. Greene perform multiple procedures concerning heart flutter, a phenomenon which occurs when the heart makes irregular heartbeats. Moreover, there were a lot of terms and medications that I was introduced to during my time at Baker-Gilmour. Overall, I had a great experience, learned a lot of things, and met amazing professionals who currently work in my desired career field.

For my last rotation, I was with Dr. Renard Rawls who is a Gastroenterologist. He works right next to the St. Vincent's Riverside Hospital at Borland Grover. I observed him interact with patients, coming up viable options in an effort to resolve their gastrointestinal problems. As Dr. Rawls determined a diagnosis, he would elaborate to help me better understand what he was doing and why. This part of the experience gave me a lot of insight on Gastroenterologists and how they operate. Because of this, the chances of me becoming a G.I. doctor have increased dramatically.

All these experiences were made possible by the AnnieRuth Foundation. I hope to put the skills I learned to great use throughout my time as a student Florida State University. I will never forget the foundation, doctors, and students that helped me throughout this entire journey and I hope to give back to the community as a medical professional. Ms. Dee, along with all the board members, have done so much to prepare students for the professional world so I just want to say thanks on behalf of the 2019 Award Recipients.