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Starting this internship experience with Dr. Kenneth Jones was wonderful. Through him I got exposed to clinical work with post-OP and pre-OP patients and witnessed the average day of a general surgeon in the operating room. During my second and third week, I was stationed at Baptist hospital with the Lyerly Neurosurgery department where I got to learn a lot about aneurysms and the research they are doing there. I also got to watch neurosurgery cases. Starting my last rotation, I was excited after my previous rotations seeing as I had an amazing time learning and getting exposed to this thrilling field, then going in I was overjoyed with my last rotation with Cardiologist, Dr. Trevor Greene, which is what I aspire to become.

During my rotations I learned a lot of medical facts which was cool. But more importantly I learned the experience of a doctor and further developed the image of a hospital environment. I believe the latter is more important because simply it helps me decide what to pursue in the future, which is the goal of the AnnieRuth Foundation's summer internship program; medical facts can easily be learned through a book, but experience is crucial in understanding a job's environment. The medical facts were still fascinating; learning about aneurysms and how sneaky they are, blood flow and how it impacted by everything, heart rhythms and all the risks that come with them. Baptist however provided the coolest experience with their inter vascular simulator where we got to practice using catheters.

All of these experiences have made the image of my future clearer. Armed with the knowledge that this summer internship experience provided, I am more driven than ever on my path, which is different than what it was starting this program. I still love cardiology but instead of becoming an M.D., I feel that becoming a P.A. is better suited for me. Thankfully, this program helped me see this. Without the AnnieRuth Foundation, I would have wasted countless hours. It's a fact that, with this experience I can take my next steps in confidence.