



As part of the AnnieRuth Foundation's Summer Internship Program, I was able to be matched into multiple medical rotations to shadow an array of physicians at Baptist, St. Vincent's, and a local orthopedic clinic. I personally aspire to be a physician in my future, but was unsure of which speciality or specialties to pursue. Thankfully, the foundation was able to match into multiple rotations with a Gastroenterologist (GI), Neurosurgeon, and Orthopedic Surgeon to help cultivate these interests and narrow down the possible list of specialties to consider in my future.

My day to day routine involved arriving in the morning on weekdays to shadow physicians as they made their clinical rounds, seeing patients with post-procedure follow-ups, questions, or pre-procedure visits. On other days, I was able to step into the O.R. (operating room) to shadow these physicians in action, cutting open patients to perform open-brain craniotomies, using catheters to observe blood flow in an angiogram, or even just administering the usual scans.

Overall, I believe the AnnieRuth Foundation has helped me tremendously with not only elucidating the career paths available to me as an M.D., but also providing me and my family with an alternative summer source of income. As I venture off into college in the coming fall, every bit of experience and professional development gained in this internship experience will help empower me to accomplish more and progress more in my future.