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<b>Participating Faculty:</b>	Thomas J. Parr, M.D., F.A.C.S.
<b>Location:</b>	Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital
<b>Offered:</b>	Each period (not available in May for UT students)
<b>Max. # Students/Period:</b>	3

**Course Objective****Material Covered:**

The student will learn to evaluate patients with musculoskeletal problems. Acute trauma, sports medicine injuries, and developmental orthopaedic problems will be encountered. Special emphasis will be placed on the conservative management of these conditions. If desired, the student will be offered in-depth surgical experience as well.

**Skills Acquired:**

In addition to learning techniques in obtaining a proper history from and physical evaluation of orthopaedic patients, the student will learn casting and splinting techniques and the proper use of braces. If desired, the student will also learn fracture reduction and surgical treatment of common problems. At a minimum, the student will be expected to acquire an approach to the conservative care of common musculoskeletal problems and to develop a "feel" for the special needs of athletes.

**Activities Of Elective**

**Number Of New Patients/Student/Week:** 2-4 inpatients; at least 15 outpatients

**Responsibilities Of Student For Assigned Patients:**

Does history/physical:	Yes
Who critiques:	Dr. Parr
Follows patients, with appropriate notes as needed:	Yes
Who supervises:	Dr. Parr and residents
Does student see ambulatory patients:	Yes

Procedures	Observe	Perform
Cast application & removal	X	X
Splint application & removal	X	X
Joint aspiration & injection	X	X
Fracture/dislocation reduction assist	Assist	

**Scheduled Duties of Student:**

Frequency of rounds on patients:	Daily
Presents patients to preceptor or attending physician:	Yes
Weekly schedule of required teaching sessions:	Daily teaching rounds. Outpatient office patients Mon-Wed-Fri. Generally, the student will have a choice of office patients with another orthopaedic surgeon or assisting in surgery on Tues-Thurs. One entire day is spent with Physical Therapy-Occupational Therapy-Rehabilitation services. <i>**The hours can be long, with "call" on one or two weekends during the month.</i>

**Describe Optional Rounds And Activities, If Any:**

If desired, the student may work with Dr. Parr on a paper or lecture on any orthopaedic or sports medicine topic, to be given at the end of the month.

**Other Required Activities:**

Reading/review of current literature:	Yes
Writing or Presenting a paper:	Optional

**How Is Student Evaluated:**

Daily contact with Dr. Parr. Oral exam at mid-point and end of rotation. Patient record entries. Student will prepare five minute talk on any interesting orthopaedic topic.

**Who Evaluates Students:**

Dr. Parr

**Unique Features Of This Elective:**

This is not a passive rotation. The student is expected to see patients, evaluate the evidence, provide a tentative diagnosis, and formulate a plan of treatment before discussing the patient with Dr. Parr. No prior orthopaedic knowledge is required; we provide the teaching materials and the patients. All that is asked is a willingness to learn.