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For my summer internship, I got to shadow Dr. Eckhert who is a general surgeon that specializes in laparoscopic surgery as well as robotics surgery. He mainly treats diseases of the GI tract so I learned about treatment options for diseases such as GERD and colelithiasis. In addition, I learned about the techniques and tools involved in robotic surgery which is pretty unique. I would rate my internship as excellent because each day was so interesting.





Also, Dr. Eckhert was such a talented surgeon who was open to trying new surgical technology which exposed me to the latest surgical techniques. This internship has confirmed my interest in the medical field and has given me some shadowing hours to put on my resume/application.

I highly recommend this internship to future students because the staff was so welcoming and Dr. Eckhert was such a great teacher. My advice to students who wish to complete an internship would be to start looking and contacting people EARLY because the process could take way longer than you expect. Also, make sure to utilize the resources that the CDO has to offer and apply for scholarships!!



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