Difference between medical treatment in US and in Japan

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Making Cancer History®

Agenda

- My clerkship
- Our life in Houston
- •What surprised me
- Advice for students

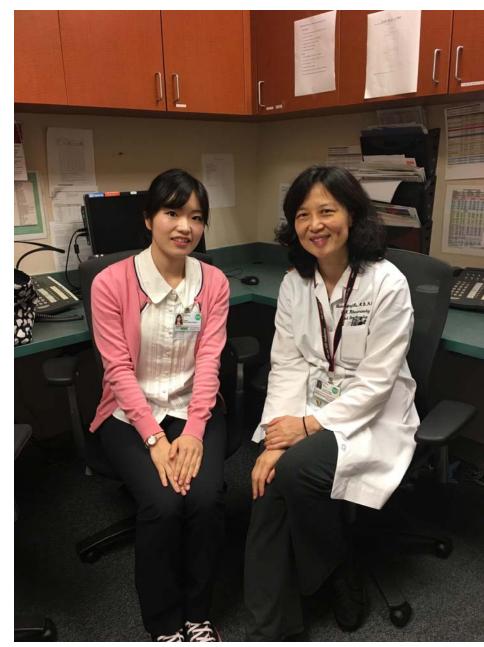


My clerkship



My clerkship

- •General Internal Medicine
- March 6th 31st
- Observer



My schedule

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	Clinic 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Clinic 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.		Conference 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
			Clinic 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Clinic 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

General Internal Medicine

- Treat diseases which appear during treatment of cancer
- Treat outpatients
- Many departments
 - -Main
 - -Geriatrics
 - -Rheumatology Clinic
 - -Internal Medicine Perioperative Assessment Center
 - -Suspicion of Cancer Clinic

Our Life in Houston



Residence

- **Bethany Home Houston**
- •\$500/month
- Share comfortable kitchen, bathroom





Good Points

- a. With cute American Roommate
- b. Good owner who can speak Japanese



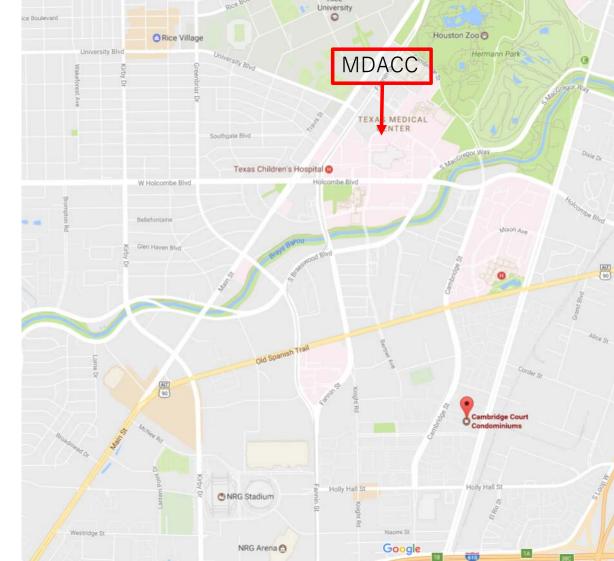
*roommate "Allen"



*House owner and medical students from Taiwan.

➤Bad points

- a. Far away from MDACC
- b. We could never use free shuttle buses of MDACC.
- c. Far away from supermarket
- d. Dangerous south area
- e. A lot of ants
- f. Always cold water



Holiday



What surprised me

Difference between medical treatment in US and in Japan

- Many occupations: doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists
- Many departments
- •See less patients for a longer time.
- Enough time for research.

Advise for students

- You cannot treat patients
- You can get insights into oncology, research and treatment in US
- •TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS, EIKEN
- Practice speaking English
- Read paper presented by your department

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