

PAST 503 – Clinical Residency – Internal Medicine Rotation Learning Outcomes

Overview

This clinical rotation is designed to enable the student to meet the program's learning outcomes specifically related to an understanding of the wide variety of problems encountered in the internal medicine setting. The understanding of the varied medical problems is accomplished via the accurate collection of data through a complete history and physical exam, interpretation of diagnostic testing, formulation of a problem list, and the development of a plan for each presenting problems. By the end of the rotation, the student should demonstrate improved competency in the following areas of internal medicine.

1. Familiarity the student to a wide variety of primary care problems of an acute and chronic nature that present in this diverse population.
2. Understanding that problems seen in internal medicine settings are as diverse as the population served.
3. Techniques in patient rapport, history taking, physical examination, and formulating a differential diagnosis in the clinic / hospital setting.
4. Understanding of the various treatment and therapeutic regimes used in the internal medicine setting, with an insight to cost-effectiveness and cost-benefit to the patient.
5. Formulating treatment plans for the further evaluation, treatment, and follow-up for the problems identified in the internal medicine setting.
6. Developing skills in educating and counseling patients regarding the natural progression of their condition, the treatment selected, and the importance of active participation of the patient.
7. Understanding the influences of family, culture, and personality dynamics on the health and illness behavior of the patient.
8. Demonstrating empathy for the needs of patients in the internal medicine setting.