

PAST 509 – Clinical Residency – Inpatient Medicine Rotation Learning Outcomes

Overview

This clinical rotation is designed to enable the PA student to meet the program's learning outcomes specifically related to understanding of the wide variety of problems encountered in hospital-based medicine. The formulation and understanding of the many and varied medical and or surgical 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 inpatient medicine.

1. Familiarity with a wide variety of medical and surgical problems as seen in the inpatient setting.
2. Advancing techniques in patient rapport, history taking, and physical examination in the inpatient setting.
3. Formulating differential diagnoses, problem lists, and a management plan for each of the presenting problems.
4. Developing familiarity with the use of the problem-oriented medical record as used in the inpatient setting.
5. Developing an understanding of the variety of diagnostic testing used in the inpatient setting, with insight to the usefulness and limitations of such procedures and interventions.
6. Developing an understanding with the indications for, contraindications to, and complications from selected therapeutic regimes used in the management of the encountered illnesses and conditions.
7. Developing skills in educating and counseling patients regarding the natural progression of their condition, the treatment selected, and the importance of compliance and active participation of the patient.
8. Understanding the influences of family, culture, and personality dynamics on the health and illness behavior of the hospitalized patient.
9. Demonstrating empathy for the needs of the hospitalized patient.