PAST 511 – Clinical Residency – Elective Rotation Learning Outcomes

Overview

This elective clinical rotation is designed to provide the student with the knowledge and skills in an area of interest. Students will gain an understanding of the variety of problems encountered in a medical or surgical sub-specialty discipline. The formulation and understanding of the many and varied medical and/or surgical sub-specialty 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 problem including pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic management. The student will continue to develop skills in systematic medical problem solving and patient management abilities, establish or reinforce patterns of independent learning, self-evaluation, interprofessional relationships and communication skills.   By the end of the rotation, the student should develop improved competency in the following areas of medicine.

1. Exposure to a wide variety of patient problems of an acute and chronic nature that present in this diverse population.

2. Developing techniques in patient rapport, history taking, physical examination, and formulating a differential diagnosis in the elective setting.

3. Developing an understanding of the various treatment and therapeutic regimes used in the elective setting, with an insight to cost-effectiveness and cost-benefit to the patient.

4. Formulating treatment plans for the further evaluation, treatment, and follow-up for the problems identified in the elective setting.

5. Educating patients regarding the natural progression of their condition, the treatment selected, and the importance of compliance and active participation of the patient.

6. Allow the student to identify and understand the influences of family, culture, and personality dynamics on the health and illness behavior of the patient.

7. Empathy for the needs of patients in the elective setting.