CLERKSHIP INFORMATION SHEET

Title of Clerkship: InterACT – Interclerkship Ambulatory Care Track

Academic Year: 2018 - 2019

Duration of Clerkship (# of weeks): 12.5 weeks

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Mission Statement of Clerkship:
The overall goal of the Interclerkship Ambulatory Care Track (InterACT) is to develop a student committed to the practice of patient centered care for patients with chronic illness - one who is able to navigate healthcare systems addressing the socioeconomic and cultural factors which impact healthcare in an urban setting.

Goals of Clerkship:
• To provide a longitudinal curriculum that places third year medical students at the center of care for community-dwelling patients with chronic illness.
• To establish opportunities for medical students to learn and teach humanism, advocacy, and interdisciplinary care in the context of working longitudinally with the medically disenfranchised.
• To develop longitudinal mentoring relationships with a variety of faculty from different medical disciplines.

Objectives of Clerkship:
By the end of the clerkship students will be able to:

PATIENT CARE:
Establish a sound foundation in the provision of primary health care delivered in the ambulatory care setting, including incorporating preventive services, to a diverse patient population.

Demonstrate appropriate diagnostic and therapeutic skills to manage common acute and chronic medical conditions in populations of all ages.

Discuss the unique needs of the inner urban population and formulate strategies to address these needs.
PRACTICE BASED LEARNING AND IMPROVEMENT:
Identify areas of strengths and weaknesses to direct learning and enhance patient care.
Utilize relevant evidence-based and best evidence data to inform rational decision-making in patient care.

INTERPERSONAL AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS:
Communicate effectively with various members of the ambulatory patient health care team, including the patient, caregivers and other health care professionals.
Empower patients about their role in the prevention and management of their own diseases and illnesses.
Formulate effective strategies for patient and population-based advocacy.

SYSTEMS-BASED PRACTICE:
Recognize how health based systems and health policies directly and indirectly affect patient care.
Utilize health information systems and technology to improve patient care both on a patient and population-based level.
Discuss the economic, psychological, social, environmental and cultural factors contributing to maintaining and promoting health and wellness.
Identify resources, community services and referrals that match the patient's needs.

PROFESSIONALISM:
Demonstrate professional responsibilities and adhere to ethical standards and to principles of interdisciplinary and team based care.
Recognize and effectively reconcile the existing tension between personal and professional goals related to patient care.

MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE:
Generate an appropriate differential diagnosis based on recognition of the typical and atypical presentations of common medical conditions in populations of all ages in the ambulatory setting.
Intervene in the natural history of disease processes through prevention, treatment, and/or palliation.