

UW School of Medicine Clerkship Policies, Objectives, and Required Clinical Encounters

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School of Medicine Policies

It is important that everyone teaching medical students be aware of several important UW School of Medicine policies:

[Supervision of Medical Students in Clinical Settings Policy](#)

[UW Medicine Policy on Professional Conduct](#)

[Student Work Hours Policy](#)

[Clinical Phases Attendance and Absentee Policy](#)

[Needlestick, Blood, Tissue and Body Fluid Exposure Policy](#)

Emergency Medicine Clerkship

Objectives

1. Describe the full extent and complexities of a patient's past medical history and current social situation
2. Manage timely patient evaluation, treatment, reexamination, and disposition
3. Assess patient understanding about workup and treatment, admission or discharge, and when appropriate, follow up and return precautions
4. Develop an appropriate differential diagnosis for a variety of patient presentations
5. Simultaneously manage two to three patients who are in the process of evaluation and treatment (i.e., no disposition has yet been determined)
6. Consistently demonstrate an ability to triage their patient involvement in terms of which is more urgent (e.g., discharging a patient v repairing a laceration first) and to describe the reasoning behind their decision
7. Within the development of a broad differential, list possible diagnoses with particularly significant morbidity and mortality
8. Discuss the acute evaluation and treatment of a wide range of symptoms and conditions
9. Incorporate feedback into daily practice
10. Give a complete yet efficient patient presentation to senior residents and faculty
11. Demonstrate a caring bedside manner and provide clear explanations of the medical workup and treatments provided
12. Demonstrate elements of effective communication in documentation
13. Practice the key elements of efficient and productive communication with consultants
14. Describe ethical dilemma you encounter during your clerkship and what you learned from it
15. Demonstrate willingness to help out with any aspect of patient care whenever it is needed
16. Describe the role of prehospital providers, appreciating the challenges of prehospital evaluation and treatment, and the key communication elements to handoffs from prehospital to hospital providers
17. Demonstrate a close working relationship with the nursing and medical assistant staff to understand their role and assist in their care of patients
18. Respect the role of the social workers and the complex social and societal factors that frequently come into play during an emergency department visit
19. Demonstrate willingness to help out with any aspect of patient care whenever it is needed
20. Demonstrate the ability to communicate with peers through a discussion board about patient conditions while maintaining patient privacy

Required Clinical Encounters

1. Abdominal pain
2. Altered Mental Status
3. Chest Pain
4. Headache
5. Laceration Repair
6. Peripheral IV Start
7. Shortness of Breath

Family Medicine Clerkship

Objectives

1. Collaboratively, with patient input, develop evidence based health promotion/disease prevention plans for patients of any age or gender in a family medicine setting
2. Propose initial diagnostic evaluation and offer management plans for patients with common acute presentations in a family medicine setting
3. Manage initial evaluation and follow-up visits with patients needing longitudinal care such as chronic diseases and pregnancy, in a family medicine setting
4. Discuss the principles of care within the framework of family medicine
5. Discuss the critical role of family physicians within any health care system
6. Demonstrate use of patient centered communication skills during history taking, physical exam, use of electronic health records, and collaborative decisions making in an outpatient setting
7. Work effectively with others as a member of the healthcare team or other professional group
8. Demonstrate professionalism in the care of patients and families, and in interactions with the health care team and communities
9. Discuss the critical role of family physicians within any health care system
10. Demonstrate self-awareness of knowledge, skills and exhibit flexibility in adjusting to change
11. Discuss the critical role of family physicians within any health care system
12. Recognize that ambiguity is part of clinical health care and respond by utilizing appropriate resources in dealing with uncertainty

Required Clinical Encounters

1. Asthma
2. Childhood ADHD
3. Childhood Immunizations
4. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
5. Chronic Pain management
6. Depression
7. Diabetes Mellitus Type -2
8. Fever
9. Health Maintenance Adult 14 to 45 Female (Reproductive age)
10. Health Maintenance Adult 50 to 75 Female
11. Health Maintenance Adult 50 to 75 Male
12. Low Back Pain
13. Prenatal management
14. Substance Use / Dependence / Abuse

Internal Medicine Clerkship

Objectives

1. Conducts a complete inpatient admission medical history or targeted outpatient history
2. Performs a complete inpatient admission physical examination or targeted outpatient exam
3. Constructs a differential diagnosis and supports the most likely diagnosis for a broad range of medical diseases
4. Manages a broad range of medical diseases by selecting diagnostic tests and medical treatment, including non-pharmacologic therapies and specific drugs
5. Applies medical knowledge to interpret diagnostic tests
6. Applies medical knowledge to propose diagnostic and treatment plans
7. Produces organized and accurate write-ups
8. Presents organized and accurate oral case presentations
9. Communicates clearly with patients
10. Applies feedback provided during the clerkship
11. Locate, appraise, and assimilate evidence from primary and secondary resources related to patients' health problems
12. Coordinates patient care within the health care system
13. Use the knowledge of one's own role and the roles of other health professionals to appropriately assess and address the health care needs of patients

Required Clinical Encounters

1. Abdominal pain
2. Altered mental status in the hospitalized patient
3. Chest Pain
4. Diabetes
5. Dyspnea
6. Electrolyte Disorder
7. Fever in the hospitalized patient
8. Gastrointestinal Bleed
9. Hypertension
10. Joint or back pain
11. Kidney Failure
12. Preventative Care

Neurological Surgery Clerkship (fulfills the Neurology Clerkship requirement)

Objectives

1. Perform the neurological exam
2. List the early symptoms and signs of increased intracranial pressure
3. Discuss the diagnosis, monitoring and treatment of hydrocephalus
4. Discuss the initial evaluation and management of traumatic brain injury from mild to severe (from concussion)
5. Describe the clinical manifestations, diagnostic workup, conservative management and surgical indications for patients with spine disease or spinal cord injury
6. Discuss the diagnosis and management of intracranial hemorrhage
7. List the most common brain tumors that afflict adults and children, the prognosis of each and the symptoms that herald brain tumor
8. Identify the most common neuroinfections, and describe the diagnosis and treatment
9. Discuss casus and standards of care for stroke and movement disorders
10. Categorize headache presentations and offer relevant differential diagnosis
11. Evaluate outpatients with a wide range of neurosurgical problems
12. Assist in the operating room with neurosurgical procedures

Clinical Encounters

1. Brain tumor
2. Cerebral aneurysms or vascular malformations
3. Delivering bad news
4. Hydrocephalus
5. Raised intracranial pressure
6. Spine Disease
7. Traumatic Brain Injury

Neurology Clerkship

Objectives

1. Perform a neurologic exam with proficiency in either the reflex or sensory exam in a clinical setting
2. Participate in the care of patients with neurological diseases in each of the following categories: demyelinating disease, dizziness, headache, movement disorder, neuromuscular disease, seizure disorder, and cerebrovascular disease
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the brain, brain stem, spinal cord, motor neuron, peripheral nerve, neuromuscular junction, and muscle with localization of injury
4. Solicit and apply feedback to improve clinical skills
5. Identify an area of knowledge gap related to the field of neurology, appraise the scientific literature and give a presentation of the topic
6. Demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate with patients, families, colleagues, and staff
7. Discuss a bioethics issue in neurologic care via written reflection
8. Work collaboratively with team members including faculty staff and other students

Required Clinical Encounters

1. Cerebrovascular disease
2. Demyelinating disease
3. Dizziness
4. Headache
5. Movement disorder
6. Neuromuscular disorder
7. Seizure disorder

Obstetrics and Gynecology Clerkship

Objectives

1. Perform directed histories and physicians and document by written workup
2. Perform complete breast and pelvic exams
3. Utilize knowledge about common OB/GYN conditions and diseases as a basis for assessing patients
4. Demonstrate synthesis and application of scientific literature of an Ob/Gyn topic
5. Demonstrate ability to establish rapport with patients and utilize active listening skills
6. Demonstrate effective interpersonal communication skills during interactions with other health care professionals
7. Demonstrate compassion, responsiveness and respect for a patient's privacy and autonomy
8. Demonstrate appropriate professional characteristics including active engagement in learning opportunities recognition of your own limitations and demonstration of responsible involvement in patient care

Required Clinical Encounters

1. 1st Trimester Bleeding
2. Abnormal Pap Smear
3. Abnormal Uterine Bleeding
4. Cesarean Section Delivery
5. Complicated OB
6. Contraception
7. Intrapartum Care of Laboring Patient
8. Menopausal Symptoms
9. Pelvic Mass
10. Pelvic Pain
11. Postpartum Care
12. Prenatal Care
13. Vaginal Delivery
14. Vaginitis or Gynecologic Infection

Pediatrics Clerkship

Objectives

1. Collect both focused and comprehensive, developmentally appropriate patient histories using triadic interviewing skills
2. Perform an age appropriate physical examination on newborns, infants and older children
3. Discuss the effects of growth and maturation on pharmacokinetics and use this knowledge to select the appropriate treatment regimens of commonly used fluids and medications in patients of different ages
4. Construct an appropriate approach to common pediatric clinical problems by: (a) Identifying essential clinical features; (b) Outlining natural history of disease processes; (c) Creating a stratified differential diagnosis; (d) Formulating evidence based diagnostic and therapeutic approaches; (e) Discussing how age and development influence essential clinical features, natural history of disease processes, differential diagnosis as well as diagnostic and therapeutic approach.
5. Set personal and professional goals for learning
6. Elicit and recognize the perspectives and needs of families and provide care for patients within their social and cultural context
7. Deliver well organized, appropriately focused, and accurate oral patient presentations
8. Work effectively as a member of the healthcare team
9. Write well organized, appropriately focused, and accurate patient notes, including admission, progress and outpatient visit notes
10. Analyze common professional and ethical dilemmas in pediatrics
11. Demonstrate relationship building skills in each clinical encounter and interprofessional exchange
12. Outline the components of childhood healthcare maintenance including: childhood immunizations, assessment of child development and nutrition and the principles of anticipatory guidance. Conduct healthcare maintenance visits that include components of the processes outlined

Required Clinical Encounters

1. Adolescent Patient
2. Behavior; Development
3. Hospitalized children
4. Newborn care
5. Patient with Acute Illness
6. Patient with Chronic Illness
7. Well child care (Infant)
8. Well child care (toddler)

Psychiatry Clerkship

Objectives

9. Demonstrate the ability to ask in a sensitive manner about the following: suicide and suicidal ideation; homicidal ideation; abuse; drug and alcohol habits
10. Perform two complete oral presentations that include all the components of a typical psychiatric admission note with an assessment and evidence based differential diagnosis and treatment plan
11. Identify the major indications for and side effects of medications from each of the major classes used in psychiatry
12. Identify an area of knowledge gap related to the field of psychiatry, appraise the scientific literature and give a presentation of the topic
13. Demonstrate the ability to work effectively as part of a multidisciplinary mental treatment team
14. Demonstrate the ability to accurately identify, understand and reflect the emotions a patient is experiencing
15. Demonstrate compassion, integrity, and respect for others
16. Demonstrate the ability to work effectively as part of a multidisciplinary mental treatment team
17. Recognize that ambiguity is a part of the provision of clinical care
18. Demonstrate respect for patient privacy and autonomy
19. Demonstrate an understanding of the ethical principles related to decisional capacity evaluation and voluntary vs involuntary psychiatric treatment

Required Clinical Encounters

1. Anxiety
2. Depression
3. Mania
4. Neurocognitive Impairment
5. Psychosis
6. Substance Abuse
7. Suicidal Ideation

Surgery Clerkship

Objectives

1. Conducts the focused surgical history, including indications, risk factors, and perioperative issues
2. Performs focused perioperative exams for common surgical conditions
3. Generates an appropriate surgical differential diagnosis
4. Develops appropriate management plan for surgical patients
5. Identifies the important anatomical and pathophysiological factors in the diagnosis, workup, and management of common surgical problems
6. Creates complete and accurate surgical history, physical, and daily progress notes
7. Delivers well-organized, appropriately focused and accurate oral patient presentations for surgical patients
8. Communicates effectively with patients and families across a broad range of socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds
9. Incorporates feedback into daily practice
10. Identifies and performs learning activities to address gaps in knowledge, skills, and/or attitudes
11. Works effectively in the operating room as relevant to the surgical specialty
12. Communicates and works effectively with other health-care professionals as a member of the team

Required Clinical Encounters

1. Acute Abdomen
2. Breast disease
3. Colon Resection
4. Endocrine
5. Gall Bladder Surgery
6. Hernia
7. Vascular disease