

Title of Clerkship:	<b>Hospice and Palliative Care</b>
Elective Year(s):	Fourth
Department:	Internal Medicine
Type of Elective:	Clinical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Clinical/Research <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Science <input type="checkbox"/>
Clerkship Site:	Various sites around Toledo area
Course Number:	MEDI720
Blocks Available:	All
Number of Students per Block:	1
Faculty:	Various Faculty
Elective Description / Requirements:	This elective is designed to provide the student with an opportunity to understand the goals and objectives of hospice and palliative care. Students will round with physicians and nurses on inpatient settings and on home visits.
Length of Clerkship:	2 weeks
<u>Links to Core Competencies</u>	<u>Educational Course Objectives</u> After completing the rotation, the student will be able to: Define hospice and palliative care services and explain these to patients and families.  Identify appropriate patients for referral to hospice and palliative care.  Demonstrate a basic understanding of the Hospice Medicare Benefit including eligibility criteria.  Define the structure and function of the interdisciplinary team.  Demonstrate appropriate communication skills including an ability to give bad news and discuss resuscitation preferences using patient-centered communication techniques.
MK-6, MK-8	Conduct a pain assessment, differentiate between nociceptive and neuropathic pain, define appropriate uses for opioid medications and describe principles of regional pain management.
MK-9	Describe and apply ethical principles that inform decision making.
MK-8	Assess patients for non-pain symptoms common in palliative care and outline a basic approach to management of these conditions.
MK-2, MK-4	Identify key prognostic factors used to predict survival.
MK-12, MK-13	Demonstrate an ability to identify psychosocial distress and identify cultural and spiritual issues affecting the patient and family.
Professionalism:	UTCOR students will meet or exceed the institutional standards for professionalism as stated in the current Educational Program Objectives for the sponsoring department.
Instructional Methods:	Assigned readings Discussions with physicians and nurses Attendance at interdisciplinary team meetings Role play to assess communication skills Observation of clinical encounters between clinicians and patients/families

Evaluation Methods Employed:	Attendance Faculty evaluations Role Play Assessments
Prerequisites:	Successful completion of the required Internal Medicine Clerkship
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Special Requirements:	None