

Title of Clerkship: **Palliative Medicine / Supportive Care, Hospice - ProMedica**

Elective Year(s): Fourth

Department: Internal Medicine

Type of Elective: Clinical  Non-Clinical/Research  Basic Science

Clerkship Site: Toledo Hospital, Flower Hospital, Outpatient Palliative Medicine / Supportive Care Clinic, Ebeid Inpatient Hospice

Course Number: MEDI 776

Blocks Available: All

Number of Students per Block: 3

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 Medicine. Students will round with physicians, nurse practitioners, and nurses with the inpatient hospital service as well as in the inpatient hospice setting. Students will also work with the palliative physicians and nurse practitioners in the outpatient palliative medicine clinic and observe the Interdisciplinary Team process in the outpatient hospice setting.

Length of Clerkship: 4 weeks

Links to Core Competencies      Educational Course Objectives

After completing the rotation, the student will be able to:

MK-8 Define hospice and palliative care services and explain these to patients and families.

MK-3, MK-8 Identify appropriate patients for referral to hospice and palliative care.

SBP-1, MK-12 Demonstrate a basic understanding of the Hospice Medicare Benefit including eligibility criteria.

PC-11, MK-16 Define the structure and function of the interdisciplinary team.

IPC-1, IPC-3 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-11, MK-12, MK-13 Demonstrate an ability to identify psychosocial distress and identify cultural and spiritual issues affecting the patient and family.

Professionalism: UTCOM 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

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