Title of Clerkship: Health Law
Elective Type: Fourth Year Elective [for students enrolled in the MD/MBA Program]
Department: Family Medicine
Clerkship Site: College of Medicine (COM), UT Health Science Campus; College of Law (COL), UT Main Campus
Course Number: FMMD 770
Blocks available: 20
Number of students per block: 6 or permission of instructor
Faculty: Daniel P. Hickey, JD, MBA (COM); Professor Susan R. Martyn (COL); Catherine A. Marco, MD (COM)
Elective Description/Requirements: Health Law surveys developing legal issues affecting healthcare providers and payors. Students will be introduced to the structure of the U.S. legal system, sources of law, and focused areas of substantive health law and will be required to review, analyze, and discuss relevant statutes, case law, and articles. Topics may include: liability, bioethics, patient safety, privacy, quality, healthcare informatics, biotechnology, fraud and abuse, antitrust, contracts, tax exemption, healthcare finance.
Medical students also will have the opportunity to join with law students in interdisciplinary case-based learning focused on a specific area of health law (e.g., informed consent or death, dying, and decisionmaking). Students will learn how to read and interpret legal cases and will develop an understanding of the academic and practice perspective differences of the medical and legal disciplines.
Students will be required to 1) attend and actively participate in all class sessions and practical experiences, and 2) complete oral and written assignments (e.g., case brief, papers, presentations).
Length of Clerkship: 4 weeks
Links to EPOs Educational Course Objectives:
At the conclusion of this elective, students should be able to:

K15 1. Describe the structure of the U.S. legal system and its sources of law.
K10, K15, K16, S1 2. Review, analyze, and discuss legal cases, statutes, and articles focused on select areas of substantive health law.
K10, K15, K16, S1 3. Brief a legal case addressing a specific health law topic.

Professionalism: UT/COM students will meet or exceed the institutional standards for professionalism as stated in the current Educational Program Objectives and the current Educational Course Objectives for the Department of Family Medicine.
Instructional Methods: 1. Lecture
2. Case studies
3. Case presentations/discussions
4. Case write-ups
5. Independent study
Evaluation methods employed:
1. Case presentation
2. Case write-up
3. Written papers
4. Narrative
5. Professionalism assessment
6. Attendance
Prerequisites: None
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Special Requirements: Must be a student enrolled in the MD/MBA Program. A minimum of 36 contact hours is required.
AAMC Hot Topics Addressed in this Elective Clerkship:
Communication Skills, Health Care Financing, Health Care Quality Improvement, Health Care Quality Review, Health Care Systems, Medical Ethics, Medical Jurisprudence, Medical Socioeconomics, Practice Management, Health Policy Development Processes, Health Services Financing