Title of Clerkship: Spirituality, Bioethics and Medicine (4 wk)

Elective Type: Fourth Year Elective
Department: Psychiatry

Clerkship Site: The Interfaith Center (adjacent to UT Main Campus), UT Main Campus, UT Health Science Campus

Course Number: PSCH706

Blocks available: Must check availability with Clerkship Coordinator prior to enrolling in course
Number of students per block: One maximum (but, must check availability with Clerkship Coordinator prior to enrolling in course)
Faculty: Julian A. Davies, Ph.D., M.Div. and Mary Kay Smith, M.D.

Elective Description/Requirements:
The student participating in this fourth-year elective clerkship will examine the complex interactions between spirituality, bioethics and medicine. Guided reading and discussion of different worldviews will allow the student to examine the impact of spirituality and bioethical issues on health care, medical practice, and public health. By focusing on a particular topic of interest, the student will search the primary literature and will prepare an original written report that integrates key issues explored during the four weeks. Robert B. Baker’s *The Cambridge World History of Medical Ethics* will be used as the foundational text.

Length of Clerkship: 4 weeks

Links to EPOs: K12, K14, S2, P1-P7, K9, K10, K11, K12, K13, K14, S1, P1-P7

Educational Course Objectives: At the end of the rotation the student will be able to:
1. Discuss the importance of understanding your own views about what constitutes "health", what constitutes "illness", and the role that your spiritual beliefs, or lack thereof, play in delivering culturally competent clinical care.
2. Explain how an individual from each of the world's six major religions might view the biological basis of disease. Discuss how you might negotiate treatment strategies if your worldview were to differ significantly from that of your patient.
3. Describe three major bioethical dilemmas at which adherents of different religions might exhibit distinctly different responses.

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 sponsoring departments.

Instructional Methods:
1. Independent study
2. Case Studies
3. Case Write-ups
4. Problem solving exercise
5. Optional small group discussions will supplement the discussions with the primary faculty

Evaluation methods employed:
1. Level of involvement/participation with course faculty
2. Attendance
3. Student self-assessment
4. Written paper at the conclusion of this course will be incorporated in the course evaluation
5. Assessment of professionalism will also be completed as appropriate

Prerequisites: Successful completion of all third year required clerkships.

Clerkship Director: Mary Kay Smith, M.D.

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Special Requirements: The student enrolling in this course must:
- Be in good academic standing
- Have demonstrated interest in subject
- Be able to travel between UT's Health Science Campus and Main Campus

AAMC Hot Topics Addressed in this Elective Clerkship:
1. Communication skills
2. Cultural Diversity/Multicultural Medicine
3. Medical Ethics
4. Medical Humanities
5. Global Health Issues