

Title of Clerkship: **Hospice and Palliative Care**

Elective Year(s): Fourth Year Elective (See Prerequisites)

Department: Internal Medicine

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

Clerkship Site: Various in Toledo

Course Number: MEDI 718

Blocks Available: All

Number of Students/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: 4 weeks

Links to EPOs: Educational Course Objectives: After completing the rotation, the student will be able to:

- K15 Define hospice and palliative care services and explain these to patients and families.
- K15 Identify appropriate patients for referral to hospice and palliative care.
- K15 Demonstrate a basic understanding of the Hospice Medicare Benefit including eligibility criteria.
- K15 Define the structure and function of the interdisciplinary team.
- S1-2 Demonstrate appropriate communication skills including an ability to give bad news and discuss resuscitation preferences using patient-centered communication techniques.
- K6, K9 Conduct a pain assessment, differentiate between nociceptive and neuropathic pain, define appropriate uses for opioid medications and describe principles of regional pain management.
- K10 Describe and apply ethical principles that inform decision making.
- K9 Assess patients for non-pain symptoms common in palliative care and outline a basic approach to management of these conditions.
- K2-5 Identify key prognostic factors used to predict survival.
- K13-15, S2 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: 1. Attendance
2. Faculty evaluations
3. Role Play Assessments

Prerequisites: Successful completion of the required Internal Medicine Clerkship

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Special Requirements: None

AAMC Hot Topics Addressed in this End of Life Care
Ethical Decision Making

Elective Clerkship: Pain Management
(Please indicate "N/A" if not applicable) Palliative care
Team Work With Other Health Professionals

Approved by ECC
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