Title of Clerkship: Forensic Pathology (2 weeks)
Elective Year: 4th Year
Department: Pathology
Type of Elective: Clinical x  Non-Clinical/Research _____  Basic Science _____
Clerkship Site: Lucas County Coroner's Office
Course Number: PATH 717
Blocks Available: All
Number of Students/Block: 2
Faculty: Cynthia Beisser, MD, Maneesha Pandey, MD, James Patrick, MD, Diane Scala-Barnett, MD
Elective Description/Requirements: Students are expected to spend a minimum of 4-5 hours per day in the Lucas County Coroner’s Office. During that time they attend autopsies and assist in their performance, accompany investigators on field investigations, accompany pathologist to court and discuss the legal aspects of forensic pathology with pathologist and investigators.
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Links to EPOs: Educational Course Objectives:
S5, S7, S9, P5
1. Differentiate between medical cases that should be treated as forensic cases and those that are not.
S11
2. Differentiate between the manner and mode of death.
K3, K4, K5
3. Correlate clinical signs and symptoms with pathologic processes of those diseases to which they are exposed
K3
4. Describe the pathogenesis of disease processes to which they are exposed.
K3, K4
5. Construct a differential diagnosis from the clinical history given at autopsy.
S1, P3, P4
6. Communicate effectively with colleagues, faculty and staff as to the findings in various cases.
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 Department.
Instructional Methods: -Small group clinical skills (post-mortem examination)
-Problem-solving exercises
Evaluation Methods: 1. Faculty observation of behavior in small groups
2. Attendance and participation
3. Professionalism assessment
Prerequisites: Medical students must be in good academic standing and have completed the first two years of an LCME-accredited medical college curriculum.
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Special Requirements: None
AAMC Hot Topics Addressed in this Elective Clerkship:
(please make selection from attached Hot Topic list)
Communication skills
Domestic violence/abuse
Medical Jurisprudence
Substance abuse