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<td>St Luke’s Family Medicine Center (and assorted long-term care sites)</td>
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**Elective Description/Requirements:**

This elective will expose the student a broad range of health problems faced by older adults as well as settings in which Geriatric Medicine is practiced. Clinical experiences will occur in outpatient and long term care sites. Inpatient rounding will occur as available. Students will utilize computerized curriculum on a variety of geriatric topics.

**Length of Clerkship:** 4 weeks

**Educational Course Objectives:**

1. Demonstrate knowledge of normal aging and age-related illness and apply this knowledge to evaluation and management of geriatric health problems.
2. Identify clinical presentations of common illnesses such as myocardial infarction, hypothyroidism, infection, and depression.
3. Identify dementia and delirium and distinguish between syndromes that cause cognitive dysfunction in the elderly.
4. Outline the management of common problems related to dementia.
5. Identify and describe the management of common geriatric syndromes such as falls, incontinence, and failure to thrive.
6. Outline the role of Medicare and Medicaid in financing geriatric care.
7. Discuss age-related pharmacology as well as communication and compliance problems.
8. Demonstrate care that emphasizes individualism, dignity, and respect for patient autonomy.

**Instructional Methods:**

1. Lecture/media
2. Interpretation of lab data
3. Diagnostic tests – use/interpretation
4. Nursing Facility rounds
5. Independent study
6. Outpatient rounds

**Evaluation methods employed:**

1. Attendance
2. Case presentation
3. Online quizzes
4. Faculty/resident observation
5. Narrative

**Prerequisites:**

Successful completion of required Family Medicine Clerkship.

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**Clerkship Coordinator:** Margaret Lienhardt

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**Special Requirements:** None.

**AAMC Hot Topics Addressed in this Elective Clerkship:**

4. Clinical Problem Solving and Decision Making
8. Diagnostic Imaging
13. Geriatrics