

Title of Clerkship: Healthcare Systems: Issues, Trends, and Perspectives

Elective Type: Fourth Year Elective

Department: Family Medicine

Clerkship Site: Health Science Campus

Course Number: FMMD 725

Blocks available: 19

Number of students per block: 12 or permission of instructor

Faculty: Daniel P. Hickey, JD, MBA

Elective Description/ Requirements: Healthcare Systems: Issues, Trends, and Perspectives explores and analyzes the organization, delivery, financing, and evaluation of health care in the United States. The elective focuses on contemporary issues in healthcare policy – including access, cost, and quality – and their impact on key industry stakeholders (patients, providers, and payers). Topics include organized delivery models, healthcare financing and regulation, and quality assessment and management.

Each student, in consultation with the instructor, will determine an area of scholarly concentration. The student will be required to make a formal written and oral presentation related to the area of concentration.

Length of Clerkship: 4 weeks

Links to EPOs **Educational Course Objectives:**

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- At the conclusion of this elective, students should be able to:
1. Describe different structures under which health care is organized and delivered
 2. Assess healthcare reimbursement and payment system models
 3. Discuss healthcare quality initiatives
 4. Debate positions on current healthcare issues and trends and discuss their impact on key industry stakeholders
 5. Participate in state and federal healthcare policy review and describe advocacy efforts likely to influence such policy
 6. Compare and contrast healthcare systems in the United States and other countries

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:**
1. Independent study
 2. Lecture – Small group activity
 3. Online module
 4. Small group – Facilitated
 5. Small group – Self-directed
 6. Small group discussion

Evaluation methods employed: (please make selection from CurrMIT list)

1. Application paper
2. Quizzes
3. Evaluation of participation in small group discussion
4. Attendance

Prerequisites: Completion of required clerkships

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Special Requirements: Required text: *Delivering Health Care in America: A Systems Approach* (5th Edition); Shi and Singh; Jones & Bartlett Learning, 2012

AAMC Hot Topics Addressed in this Elective Clerkship:
(please make selection from attached Hot Topic list)

15. Health Care Financing
16. Health Care Quality Improvement
17. Health Care Quality Review
18. Health Care Systems
25. Medical Jurisprudence
26. Medical Socioeconomics
32. Practice Management
46. Health Policy Development Processes
47. Health Services Financing