Title of Clerkship: Hospice – Northwest Ohio
Elective Type: Fourth Year
Department: Internal Medicine
Type of Elective: Clinical X Non- Basic Science
Clinical/Research
Clerkship Site: Hospice of Northwest Ohio
Course Number: MEDI733
Blocks Available: Based on preceptor availability
Number of Students/Block: 1
Faculty: Marsha Paul, M.D.
Elective Description/Requirements: This elective is designed to provide the student with an opportunity to gain knowledge, skills, and attitudes required to care for patients with life limiting illnesses and their families. In addition, the student will have opportunities to gain fundamental skills in pain/symptom assessment and effective communication.
Length of Clerkship: 2 weeks
Links to EPOs: Educational Course Objectives:

1. Identify the principles of palliative medicine and its relationship to diagnosis and care.
2. Identify the most common symptoms encountered in patients with terminal illness.
3. Recognize the principles of pain/symptom management for people with life limiting illness.
4. Describe the etiology of pain and pathophysiology of symptoms in people with a wide variety of life limiting illnesses.
5. Describe appropriate and effective pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic interventions for pain and other symptoms.
6. Describe the concept of teamwork in patient/family care.

Students will develop sensitivity for the unique challenges posed by patients facing life limiting prognosis and their families, particularly in relation to pain and psychosocial-spiritual suffering. Students will develop an appreciation of the skills and contributions of other team members to patient/family care. Students will demonstrate skills in:
- Completing a pain/symptom assessment
- Listening
- Assessing the patient’s knowledge of the diagnosis and prognosis
- Sensitivity giving information about the diagnosis and/or deterioration to both patient/family ("breaking bad news")
- Dealing with “difficult questions"
- Eliciting and responding to the fears of patients and their family
- Empowering the patient to exercise autonomy; to offer choices and to carry out patient’s instructions
- The application of clinical skills and evaluation of the patient to insure the best possible quality of life for the patient/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: | 1. Attendance  
|                      | 2. Case presentations  
|                      | 3. Faculty observation  
| Prerequisites:       | Successful completion of required Internal Medicine Clerkship.  
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| Special Requirements:| None  
| **AAMC Hot Topics Addressed in this Elective Clerkship:** |   
| #9 End of Life  
| #11 Evidence-based Medicine  
| #30 Palliative Care  

*(please make selection from attached Hot Topic list)*