

Title of Clerkship: **Geriatric Medicine**

Elective Year(s): Fourth Year

Department: Internal Medicine

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

Clerkship Site: Glendale Medical Center (and asst. long-term care and home-care sites)

Course Number: MEDI711

Blocks Available: All

Number of Students per Block: 1

Faculty: Cletus Iwuagwu, M.D, Anu Garg, M.D.

Elective Description / Requirements: This is an elective designed to give the student a broad exposure to types of health problems faced by older adults as well as settings in which Geriatric Medicine is practiced. Weekly or biweekly discussion sessions complement clinical experiences in outpatient, long term care and home based sites.

Length of Clerkship: 4 weeks

Links to Core Competencies

MK-3, MK-4

MK-7

MK-4

PC-2, PC-3

PC-8

MK-6, PC-8

Professionalism:

Instructional Methods:

Educational Course Objectives

After completing the rotation, the student will be able to:

The student will build on a basic knowledge of normal aging and age-related illness and apply this knowledge to evaluation and management of geriatric health problems.

The student will be able to recognize clinical presentations of common illnesses such as myocardial infarction, hypothyroidism, infection, and depression.

The student will be able to recognize dementia and delirium and distinguish between syndromes that cause cognitive dysfunction in the elderly.

The student will be able to evaluate a patient with suspected dementia and manage common problems related to dementia.

The student will be able to recognize and manage common geriatric syndromes such as falls, incontinence, and failure to thrive.

The student will have a basic understanding of the role of Medicare and Medicaid in financing geriatric care. The student will be able to work with a variety of health care professionals in developing comprehensive management plans in the elderly.

The student will be able to function in the nursing home setting.

The student will develop prescribing practices that include an understanding of age-related pharmacology as well as communication and compliance problems.

The student will deal with older patients and care givers in a manner that emphasizes individualism, dignity, and respect for patient autonomy.

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.

Small Group – clinical skills
 Interpretation of lab data
 Diagnostic tests – use/interpretation
 Lecture/media
 Independent study
 Outpatient rounds

Evaluation Methods: Attendance
Case presentation
Case write-up
Faculty/resident observation
Narrative

Prerequisites: Successful completion of required Internal Medicine Clerkship

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Special Requirements: None