

Title of Clerkship: **Hospice and Palliative Care**

Elective Year(s): Fourth

Department: Internal Medicine

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

Clerkship Site: Various sites around Toledo area

Course Number: MEDI 720

Blocks Available: All

Number of Students per Block: 1

Faculty: Annette Collier, M.D. and other various faculty

Elective Description / Requirements: This elective is designed to provide the student with an opportunity to understand the goals and objectives of hospice and palliative care. Students will round with physicians and nurses on inpatient settings and on home visits.

Length of Clerkship: 2 weeks

Links to Core Competencies Educational Course Objectives

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

MK-8 Define hospice and palliative care services and explain these to patients and families.

MK-3, MK-8 Identify appropriate patients for referral to hospice and palliative care.

SBP-1, MK-12 Demonstrate a basic understanding of the Hospice Medicare Benefit including eligibility criteria.

PC-11, MK-16 Define the structure and function of the interdisciplinary team.

IPC-1, IPC-3 Demonstrate appropriate communication skills including an ability to give bad news and discuss resuscitation preferences using patient-centered communication techniques.

MK-6, MK-8 Conduct a pain assessment, differentiate between nociceptive and neuropathic pain, define appropriate uses for opioid medications and describe principles of regional pain management.

MK-9 Describe and apply ethical principles that inform decision making.

MK-8 Assess patients for non-pain symptoms common in palliative care and outline a basic approach to management of these conditions.

MK-2, MK-4 Identify key prognostic factors used to predict survival.

MK-11, MK-12, MK-13 Demonstrate an ability to identify psychosocial distress and identify cultural and spiritual issues affecting the patient and 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: Assigned readings
Discussions with physicians and nurses
Attendance at interdisciplinary team meetings
Role play to assess communication skills
Observation of clinical encounters between clinicians and patients/families

Evaluation Methods Employed: Attendance
Faculty evaluations
Role Play Assessments

Prerequisites: Successful completion of the required Internal Medicine Clerkship

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Special Requirements: None