Title of Clerkship: Family Medicine Geriatric Elective

Elective Type: Fourth Year Elective Department: Family Medicine

<u>Clerkship Site:</u> UT Health Geriatric Center (and assorted long-term care sites)

<u>Course Number:</u> FMMD712 **Blocks available:** By request

Number of students

per block:

Faculty: Ganesh Merugu, M.D.

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Elective Description/

Requirements:

This elective will expose the student to 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

Links to Core
Competencies

Educational Course Objectives:

MK-3, MK-4 1. Demonstrate knowledge of normal aging and age-related illness, and apply this knowledge to evaluation

and management of geriatric health problems.

PBL-7 2. Identify clinical presentations of common illnesses, such as myocardial infarction, hypothyroidism,

infection, and depression

MK-4 3. Identify dementia and delirium, and distinguish between syndromes that cause cognitive dysfunction in

the elderly.

PC-1, PC-2 4. Outline the management of common problems related to dementia.

PC-8, PC-7 5. Identify and describe the management of common geriatric syndromes such as falls, incontinence, and

failure to thrive.

SBP-2 6. Outline the role of Medicare and Medicaid in financing geriatric care.

MK-6, PC-8, PC-7 7. Discuss age-related pharmacology as well as communication and compliance problems.

IPC-1, PB-7 8. Demonstrate care that emphasizes individualism, dignity, and respect for patient autonomy.

<u>Professionalism:</u> 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. Lecture/Media

2. Interpretation of lab data

3. Diagnostic tests – use/interpretation

4. Nursing Facility rounds5. Independent study

6. Outpatient rounds

Evaluation methods

employed:

Attendance
 Case presentation

3. Online quizzes

4. Faculty/resident observation

5. Narrative

<u>Prerequisites:</u> Successful completion of third year required Family Medicine clerkship.

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Special Requirements:

AAMC Hot Topics Clinical Problem Solving and Decision Making

<u>Addressed in this</u> Diagnostic Imaging

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