

Elective Description

Campus: Northeast (Grand Forks)

Elective/Experience Title: Hospitalist

Location of Elective: Altru Health System – Grand Forks, ND

Department: Internal Medicine

Course Number: IMED 9323

Preceptor(s): Kenneth Aduba, MD, MPH; Attila Dalmi, MD; Tyson Holm, MD; Sunil Kartham, MD; Ike Onyeka, MD; James D Willardson, MD

Period(s) Offered: all

Number of students per period: 1

Course prerequisites:

Revised Curriculum Phase(s): 2 & 3

Purpose: To provide education and experience in the care of patients requiring internal medicine/hospitalist services.

Objectives: Following successful completion of this elective, the student will be able to:

1. Effectively perform emergency evaluation, initial workup, diagnostic and therapeutic decision-making on acutely ill Internal Medicine patients under the supervision of the Hospitalist.
2. Provide the primary care of internal medicine inpatients from admission through discharge, including the performance of procedures under supervision (e.g. lumbar puncture, thoracentesis, paracentesis, placement of central lines, etc.).
3. Demonstrate refined history taking and physical exam skills, appropriate ordering and interpretation of diagnostic tests, and appropriate use of medications.
4. Describe the pathophysiology of common inpatient medical disorders.
5. Demonstrate improved skills in the assessment and planning for implementation of preventative medicine interventions (e.g., counseling on smoking cessation, diet and exercise, screening procedures, immunizations, etc.).

Instructional Activities: During this elective, the student will be involved in/experience:

1. All activities of the Hospitalist service under the supervision of a Hospitalist.
2. Work-up and management of their own hospital admissions including dictations, formal case presentations, and performance of procedures after instruction.
3. Ward activities such as resuscitations, emergency department evaluations, and review of laboratory results and diagnostic studies.
4. Noon conferences.

Criteria for Grading: During and following this elective, the preceptor will:

1. Utilize the standardized UNDSMHS senior elective evaluation form.
2. Evaluate the student's history and physical exams, dictations, and procedure performance for technical skill, timeliness, and accuracy.
3. Evaluate by direct observation the student's proficiency at formal case presentation.
4. Evaluate by direct observation the student's resource use, knowledge of pathophysiology of disease, and application of that knowledge to patient care.
5. Evaluate by direct observation the student's "360" communication skills.