Elective Description

Campus: Southwest (Bismarck)  
Elective/Experience Title: Internal Medicine  
Location of Elective: Sanford Health East/West – Dickinson, ND  
Preceptor(s): Bruce W Olin, MD (east) & Mark Hinrichs, MD (west)  
Period(s) Offered: all  
Number of students per period: 1  

Purpose: To provide education and experience in the care of internal medicine patients.

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

1. Perform a comprehensive patient evaluation.
2. Design and implement treatment plans for outpatient and inpatient internal medicine.
3. Provide continuity of care during hospital stay of internal medicine patients.
4. Develop useful communication skills with patients and clinical faculty.

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

1. Daily rounds with pertinent discussion of hospitalized patients.
2. Review of pertinent literature pertaining to hospitalized patients.
3. Didactic "mini-lectures" on selected topics pertaining to student’s patients.
4. Performance of procedures commensurate with the student skill level under direct supervision.

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

1. Utilize the standardized UNDSMHS senior elective evaluation form.
2. Directly observe and evaluate the student’s histories and physicals, oral presentations, and patient care plans.
3. Evaluate the student’s written communications including histories and physicals, progress notes, and consultations.
4. Directly observe and evaluate the student’s knowledge in internal medicine through case discussions and review of the student’s performance of required literature reviews.
5. Directly observe and evaluate the student’s “360” communication skills.
6. Directly observe and evaluate the student’s skill in performance of permitted procedures.