

Elective Description

Campus: Southwest (Bismarck)

Elective/Experience Title: Community Internal Medicine

Location of Elective: West River Health Clinics and West River Regional Medical Center- Hettinger, ND

Department: Internal Medicine

Course Number: IMED 9120

Preceptor(s): Joshua Ranum, 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 internal medicine patients requiring in a rural community setting.

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

1. Describe the general principles and practice of internal medicine in a community primary care setting.
2. Interpret EKGs, pulmonary function tests, and laboratory data as they apply to primary care internal medicine.
3. Perform selected diagnostic procedures.
4. Describe healthcare delivery in a rural setting in association with the socio-economic impact of a rural economy.
5. Evaluate and manage internal medicine patients in a primary care setting.

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

1. Evaluation of selected inpatients with follow-up of that patient following discharge in the outpatient clinic.
2. Review of selected EKGs and pulmonary function tests.
3. Preparation of an in-depth topic to be presented at a medical staff conference.

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

1. Utilize the standardized UNDSMHS senior elective evaluation form.
2. Evaluate by direct observation the student's skill in physical diagnosis, interpretation of laboratory and special tests, oral presentations, data gathering, differential diagnosis, and case management.
3. Evaluate the student's written communications including admission histories and physicals, progress notes and consultations.
4. Evaluate the student's knowledge in internal medicine through observation of oral presentations, case discussion and completion of the required readings.
5. Evaluate through direct observation the student's preparation and performance during the required medical staff conference.
6. Evaluate through direct observation the student's skill and performance of permitted procedures.
7. Evaluate through direct observation the student's "360" communication skills.