



## FMED 600/600s General Family Medicine

### **Elective Description**

The elective clerkship provides students with clinical exposure, observation and training to further their understanding of family medicine. Students experience a wide variety of educational experiences to better understand how context influences the diagnostic process and management decisions needed to address complexities, including patients with multiple concerns, various psychosocial issues, and different, sometimes conflicting behaviors.

Credit: 2-4 semester credits

Prerequisites: FMED 500

Elective Structure. Family medicine elective clerkships occur in various settings across the country and provide a wide variety of educational experiences giving students an opportunity to understand how context influences the diagnostic process and management decisions. Due to the breadth of care provided by family physicians it is not possible to list all potential patient presentations that family physicians competently manage. Family Medicine preceptors will specify site requirements for the clerkship and will see that students are provided with an appropriate level of clinical and didactic experience.

*Note:* an optional NBME Ambulatory Medicine subject exam may be scheduled at the end of the clerkship.

### **Entrustable Professional Activities**

As a fourth-year student, the focus of skills development are those tasks important for entering residency training:

- Gather a history and perform a physical exam
- Prioritize a differential diagnosis following a clinical encounter
- Recommend and interpret common diagnostic and screening tests
- Enter and discuss orders and prescriptions
- Document a clinical encounter in the patient record
- Provide an oral presentation of a clinical encounter
- Form clinical questions and retrieve evidence to advance patient care
- Give or receive a patient handover to transition care responsibility
- Collaborate as a member of an inter-professional team
- Recognize a patient requiring urgent or emergent care and initiate evaluation and management
- Obtain informed consent for tests and/or procedures
- Perform general procedures of a physician
- Identify systems failures and contribute to a culture of safety and improvement

## General Clerkship Objectives

### Medical Knowledge

- Review the pathophysiology of diseases encountered during the clerkship.

### Patient Care and Communication Skills

- Elicit a focused history and perform a focused physical examination.
- Elicit a focused history that includes information about adherence, self-management, and barriers to care
- Describe the initial management of common and dangerous diagnoses that present with a particular symptom.
- For women: elicit a full menstrual, gynecological, and obstetric history.
- For men: Identify issues and risks related to sexual function and prostate health.

### Professionalism

- Communicate respectfully with patients who do not fully adhere to their treatment plan.

### Practice-Based Learning

- Identify risks for specific illnesses that affect screening and treatment strategies.
- Encourage lifestyle changes to support wellness (weight loss, smoking cessation, safe sexual practices, exercise, activity, nutrition, diet).

### Systems-based Practice

- Discuss the importance of a cost-effective approach to the diagnostic work-up.

## Sub-Internship

This elective may be taken as a sub-internship after completing FMED 600. The minimal expectations for a sub-internship elective:

- An inpatient rotation that gives the sub-intern primary responsibility for providing care
- Be developmental, consolidating and refining the knowledge and skills acquired during core clerkships
- Insure increased responsibility in the evaluation and management of acutely ill, hospitalized patients in directly supervised patient-care settings
- Promote development of effective inter-professional teamwork and communication Skills

The sub-internship must contain rigorous expectations that define:

- Level of supervision
- Duty-hour regulations and clinical workload typical of an intern
- Care transitions and cross-coverage responsibilities
- Access to EHRs
- Opportunities for evidence-based, high value care practice

*Prerequisite:* FMED 600

## Evaluation

The evaluation will include the entrustable professional activities. The clerkship preceptor will evaluate those relevant to this clerkship experience.

## **GRADES**

This elective is graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory.

## **POLICIES**

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### **ATTENDANCE POLICIES**

Attendance of lectures and laboratories is based on the University's stated attendance policy. Refer to the Student handbook for more information.

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All students are expected to maintain the highest standards of professional appearance at all times. During years one and two and while on campus. Medical students are required to wear scrubs or white coats with appropriate dress. Appropriate dress for clinical students includes business slacks with open-collar shirt for men, and business slacks or skirt with professional shirt or sweater for women.

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