AMBULATORY INTERNAL MEDICINE CLERKSHIP COURSE DESCRIPTION

(AM011 through AM017)

The required four-week clinical clerkship in Ambulatory Internal Medicine is offered at the practice sites of seven of UCLA’s teaching hospitals. Each of these sites has its own mix of patients with special clinical problems and cultural and socioeconomic issues. The goals of the clerkship include: providing students with opportunities to perform problem-focused histories and physical examinations in the evaluation of patients presenting with acute problems; for continuing care of chronic illnesses; to learn to develop diagnostic and treatment plans appropriate to the ambulatory setting; to refine their understanding and practice of health maintenance interventions; to solidify their skills in communicating with patients, and in providing health education to patient. Students will be expected to learn about the presentation of medical conditions commonly seen in the ambulatory setting.

Clinical Experiences: The clinical content of the clerkship will include both general medicine and subspecialty medicine experiences. Students will see patients in both continuity and urgent care settings. Students will be expected to participate in the management of patients with common medical conditions; when possible and appropriate to management, students will have the opportunity to see patients at repeat visits during the course of the rotation. Students will enter all (a minimum of 50) patients into their PDA patient log, to permit clerkship coordinators to assess the clinical curriculum of the rotation.

Orientation and Integrated didactics: All students will come together on the first day for an orientation at UCLA. They will review and practice the focused outpatient history and physical and receive information as to the course requirements. In addition to the introductory session, all students on the Ambulatory Internal Medicine clerkship will meet together each Friday for joint didactic sessions (with Family Medicine), which will include lectures, sessions with invited patients, a Standardized Patient exercise and case-based interactive learning sessions. During one of these sessions students will present their ambulatory internal medicine evidence-based medicine project.

Evaluation: Final evaluation in the clerkship will be based upon clinical performance at the assigned site, a written final examination (minimum score to pass 60%), and a Case Presentation. Additionally, the student must see and input 50 patients in the PDA log, participate in a self-assessment exercise (OSCE), complete two Mini-CEXs, submit an image for photo rounds, complete the interactive dermatology atlas, and complete 2 cases studies from Family Medicine.

Letter of Distinction Criteria: At least one faculty member must nominate the student for a Letter of Distinction on the medical student evaluation form. The marks on the medical student evaluation forms must be all “outstanding” (i.e., scores must be 6’s or 7’s.) The final exam grade must be 80% or above. The group participation must be excellent during the Friday sessions (attendance to all sessions). The final Case Presentation must be complete.

For more detailed information please refer to the course description on ANGEL.

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*This is not the location of the “Block” orientation.