

GENERAL MEDICINE ROTATION

OBJECTIVES

PRECEPTOR

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I. Rounds

- Participate on daily patient care rounds on a medicine team. The student will serve as the primary drug information source for the team and will be responsible for ensuring rational drug use for **all** patients on the team.
- The student should be prepared to discuss the status of all patients on the team with the preceptor. The minimal expectation is that the student will know the reason for admission to the hospital, current medical issues/problems, and the indication for each drug they are currently prescribed.
- Questions that are encountered on rounds that require follow-up must be researched by the student with a prompt response to the appropriate team member. The question should be discussed with the preceptor prior to getting back to the team.
- Attend *medical grand rounds* weekly (every Thursday from 8:30 to 9:30 am in the Fitkin Amphitheatre) and daily *noon conference* (lunch is provided) if the topic of discussion will include drug therapy. Refer to the conference calendar that is posted in the pharmacy satellite.

II. Patient Follow Up

The student will **closely** monitor a minimum of 5 patients on the team at all times, the focus of which will be drug therapy, along with appropriate laboratory values and clinical response. The use of a monitoring form is highly recommended. The student should know all of the following regarding every drug on a patient's profile.

- Drug class
- Mechanism of action
- Indication
- Usual dosing
- Monitoring parameters
- Contraindications
- Adverse reactions

III. Formal Write-ups

Complete two formal drug information write-ups for questions/issues that arise on rounds, or while participating in decentralized pharmacy activities. The "Drug Information Request Form" should be used for these.

IV. Discussion Topics

The student will present short patient cases and discuss the pharmacotherapy related to the following topics:

- Diabetes mellitus
- Liver disease
- Thrombosis
- Asthma/COPD
- Chronic kidney disease
- Peptic ulcer disease
- Angina/MI
- CHF
- Pneumonia
- Seizure disorders

V. Patient Interviews / Education

The student will conduct patient interviews, including medication histories, discharge counseling, and other patient education.

- The preceptor needs to be present when talking to patients.
- A minimum of two medication histories need to be done, each of which will be written-up and submitted on a “medication history form”.

VI. Case Presentation

Present one formal case discussion to the pharmacy staff and other students. The presentation will include:

- Detailed and organized patient information
- A thorough discussion of the pharmacy literature pertaining to the topic
- A critical analysis of the patient’s drug therapy, including appropriateness and therapeutic alternatives.
- Slides should be prepared using power point software

VII. Pharmaceutical Care Conferences (PCC)

Attend the pharmacy department’s Pharmaceutical Care Conferences (PCC) whenever they are scheduled, as well as all student presentations.

VIII. Adverse Drug Reactions (ADR)

Follow-up on all ADRs for patients on your team. Report the ADR either on-line or with the appropriate form.

IX. Preceptor’s Contact Information

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