**GIM Consult Service – Dept. of Medicine**

The GIM consult rotation is to provide rotators with experience in general internal medicine consultation, both in the emergency room and on non-medical wards 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. The consult rotation is supposed to help consolidate knowledge learned on other rotations.

The consult service usually comprises a team of medical students, junior medical/emergency room residents and medicine senior residents. The senior residents will provide supervision/support/backup for graded responsibility. We offer the GiM consult rotation at HSC, SBGH and VGH.

Teaching sessions will include participation in daily morning report, attending the weekly senior resident rounds and Grand Rounds. In addition, the student will have direct teaching during the daily rounds from the medicine consult attending.

**Learning objectives:**

**Medical Expert:**
- Demonstrate appropriate knowledge of common clinical problems.
- Perform a complete and concise patient assessment.
- Develop appropriate management of plans.
- Demonstrate procedural skills, when indicated.

**Communicator:**
- Accurately convey relevant information to colleagues and senior staff members in a complete and concise manner.
- Accurately convey relevant information to patients and families.
- Clear, concise written documentation reflecting the consultative nature of the service.

**Collaborator:**
- Appropriately interact with health care team.
- Demonstrate respectful attitude towards colleagues, patients and other staff members.

**Manager:**
- Demonstrate the ability to fully assess and document the patient’s issues in a timely fashion.
- Demonstrate the ability to prioritize workloads keeping in mind patient safety.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the appropriate resource and clinical work-up.

**Health Advocate:**
- Recognize the importance of timely investigation of critical situations in the emergency room.
- Counseling patients about their disease and other preventive measures, ie. coronary artery risk factors, etc.

**Scholar:**
- Demonstrate the ability to facilitate the learning of colleagues and professionals as appropriate (general setting of teaching sessions and assigned reading).
**Professional:**
- Being tidy and well groomed and wearing appropriate attire.
- Communicating absences to supervisors and colleagues.
- Ensuring that patient related tasks are signed over in a reliable fashion.
- Attending all assigned rounds and sessions punctually.
- Disclosing adverse events to health care professionals.

**Call responsibility:** Students do not participate in the call schedule.

**Availability:** During clerkship, and dependent upon service size. The length of time is usually 2 to 4 weeks.