

Internal Medicine CTU Rotation Objectives (August 2018)

Medical Expert:

1. Assess and manage patients seen on the CTU and in the ER by:
 - a. Taking a complete and accurate history
 - b. Performing a complete physical exam
 - c. Developing an appropriate differential diagnosis
 - d. Formulating a management plan including relevant investigations as well as short and long term goals
2. Be able to outline the initial investigations and management for common Internal Medicine problems.
3. Learn how to approach, assess, and manage a complex patient with multiple medical conditions, including patients that are acutely ill, confused or non-cooperative.
4. Participate in procedures (Lumbar puncture, Thoracentesis, Paracentesis, Central line) when indicated, and be able to describe the indications, risks, and technique.

Communicator

1. Communicate effectively with patients, their families and other members of the health care team.
2. Document complete, clear, and thorough history and physicals and daily issue based progress notes in the patient's charts.
3. Present pertinent history and relevant findings in case presentations during rounds.

Collaborator

1. Identify indications for referral to consultants and other health professionals.
2. Demonstrate ability to work with consulting services and other health professionals involved with patient care.
3. Describe roles of other members of the multidisciplinary health care team and how to use their services effectively.

Leader/Manager

1. Approach tasks in an organized way, completing them in an effective and time efficient manner.
2. Develop an understanding of the indications for investigations in order to avoid unnecessary testing in a resource limited system.

Health Advocate

1. Demonstrate knowledge of health promotion and disease prevention strategies.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the principles and impact of the determinants of health.

Scholar

1. Demonstrate self-directed learning by reading around cases and completing any assigned learning tasks.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of common guidelines and evidence based medicine resources, and able to apply this knowledge to patient care.
3. Actively participate in learning activities (rounds, teaching sessions).

Professional

1. Demonstrate respect for others and sensitivity to needs of patients and colleagues.
2. Demonstrate responsibility and conscientiousness through consistently completing assigned tasks, punctual attendance for all activities, and reliable follow up of patient care.
3. Recognize own strengths and limitations, and ask for assistance and feedback when appropriate .