



FAMILY MEDICINE CLERKSHIP

Course Description:

The Clarkson Family Medicine clerkship is available for third year and fourth year medical students. The clerkship consists of both inpatient medicine and obstetrical experiences along with time spent in the Clarkson Family Medicine clinic. Opportunities for home visits and nursing home visits are also available.

Application Process:

1. Complete an online application form through www.clarksonfamilymedicine.com
2. Submit your Curriculum Vitae along with a personal statement that describes your interest in Family Medicine
3. Your submitted application will be reviewed, and you will receive communication from our Program Coordinator on next steps.

Family Practice Elective Objectives and Student Activities:

To provide care to individuals and families as the physician who provides first contact, ongoing, and preventive care to all patients regardless of age, gender, culture, care setting, or type of problem

Student Activities for Inpatient Medicine:

- Attend hospital rounds, following assigned inpatients
- Perform a complete history and physical examination on assigned hospitalized patients
- Present orally succinct patient presentations that are complete, accurate, clear, and organized, demonstrating critical thinking skills
- Write complete, accurate, clear, and organized medical notes in hospital records of assigned patients
- On-call responsibilities will be individualized based on student interest and on-call facilities in the hospital
- Provide anticipatory healthcare using education, risk reduction, and health enhancement strategies

Student Activities in Outpatient Medicine:

- Demonstrate the unequivocal value of primary care as an integral part of any healthcare system
- Model the principles of family medicine care
- Gather information, formulate differential diagnoses, and propose plans for the diagnosis and management of common acute and chronic ambulatory problems
- Conduct a wellness visit for all ages and any gender developing an evidence-based health promotion/disease prevention plan
- Observe ongoing obstetrical care for patients in all stages of pregnancy, including antepartum, labor, delivery, and postpartum

- Attend all didactic sessions
- Write complete, accurate, clear, and organized medical notes in clinic records
- Perform focused history and physical examinations on clinic/hospital patients
- Give oral patient presentations that are complete, accurate, clear, organized, and succinct, demonstrating critical thinking skills
- Assess and manage acute and chronic medical problems frequently encountered in the community Identify health risks in patients seen in the clinic and in the hospital
- Use basic protocols for screening and health maintenance in pediatrics, adolescence, adulthood, and elderly
- Use screening protocols for high-risk populations, e.g., cancer, cardiovascular, pulmonary
- Conduct patient teaching sessions as documented by clinic chart and preceptor evaluation (e.g., nutrition, exercise, smoking cessation)
- Provide continuous as well as episodic health care, not limited by a specific disease, patient characteristics, or setting of the patient encounter
- Provide and coordinate comprehensive care of complex and severe problems using biomedical, psychosocial, personal, economic, and community resources, including consultation and referral
- Order lab, radiographic, or other tests, interpret the results, conduct patient education, and arrange appropriate treatment and follow-up
- Observe cost-effective quality measures that are expected in ambulatory healthcare
- Assist with outpatient procedures such as minor surgical procedures, endoscopy, and gynecologic and obstetrical procedures

Evaluation

A written evaluation will be completed with input from clinic physicians and staff, residents, and other faculty who have had contact with the medical student. This evaluation will be sent to the appropriate faculty at the medical student's school for verification of successful completion of this elective.