WHAT EVERY MEDICAL STUDENT SHOULD KNOW ABOUT DRUGS, ALCOHOL, GAMBLING AND SEX

Medical students will encounter the consequences of addictive disorders in every clinical rotation. Oftentimes, patients with addictive disorders are stigmatized, leaving physicians unsure of how to handle them. In actuality, the majority of patients with addictive disorders improve with treatment. Clinical outcomes of patients with addictive disorders are comparable to those with other medical disorders such as diabetes and hypertension.

In this selective, medical students will learn more about addictive disorders than what is usually covered in core curriculums or clinical rotations. Various aspects of addictive disorders will be discussed including reviewing recent trends in addiction and learning about drugs of abuse and how they impact physical and mental health. We also discuss clinical cases and recent events in the news that deal with addictive disorders. Finally, field trips to residential treatment programs, psychiatric hospitals and other addiction treatment programs will be conducted.

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Teaching Methods: Discussions, case studies, field trips and mixed media learning

Enrollment: Maximum of 12 students, minimum of 2 students

Sponsoring College: Primary Care College

Schedule: 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Session A starting 9/12/2016

Location: LRC