The required four-week clinical clerkship in Ambulatory Internal Medicine (as a part of the eight-week Ambulatory and Family Medicine Clerkship Block) is offered at the practice sites of seven of UCLA's teaching hospitals. Each of these sites has several types of patients with special clinical issues, as well as cultural and socioeconomic issues.

The clinical content of the clerkship may include both general medicine and subspecialty medicine experiences in continuity and urgent care settings. Students will participate in the management of patients with common medical conditions (see list below); when possible and appropriate to management, students will have the opportunity to see patients at repeat visits during the course of the rotation.

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AMBULATORY INTERNAL MEDICINE CLERKSHIP SITES

Ronald Reagan Continuity – AM011
Students work with faculty in a variety of clinical settings, comprised of a general internal medicine practice with continuity and episodic/urgent care, subspecialty clinics (Pulmonary, Gastroenterology, Rheumatology, Cardiology, Endocrinology), the Simms Mann (providing primary care to a medically underserved population), dermatology clinic, the medical procedures unit, and the geriatric teaching service at Berkley East. Students also have scheduled sessions with a nutritionist, pharmacist, and a pre-op clinic.

Cedars Sinai Medical Center – AM012
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center is an 896 bed, tertiary care academic teaching hospital. Your time will typically be divided into general internal medicine (Continuity General Medicine Clinic and Saban Community Clinic), urgent care (Medicine Triage Clinic and Sagan Community Clinic), and subspecialty clinics. Students see urgent care cases independently, and then review all cases with the attendings or residents. Subspecialty clinic and continuity care cases may be seen concurrently with residents or fellows.

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center – AM013
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center is a Level 1 Trauma, acute care hospital with 553 beds and 63 bassinets. Students are expected to have first contact in the evaluation of all of their patients seen in the Primary Care Clinic and Urgent Care Clinic. All patients are then presented for discussion to a Division of General Internal Medicine faculty or Chief Resident. You will be assigned a faculty mentor, with whom you will have weekly meetings. The role of the mentor will be to provide feedback and one-on-one instructions/case discussions, as well as, being your contact person should you have any concerns about your rotation.

Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles and Continuity – AM014
You will spend two weeks in our general internal medicine clinics and one week each in our acute care ED (ED Fast Track) and Cardiology Clinic. Our objective is to introduce you to the practice of quality, cost-effective ambulatory care (within a nonprofit health maintenance organization). This course will provide you with a formal education and broad experience in outpatient medicine. A faculty attending physician will directly guide and supervise you. Under faculty attending supervision, you will have an opportunity to render first-contact comprehensive or continuity care.

Olive View-UCLA Medical Center Continuity – AM015
Olive View-UCLA Medical Center is a 377-bed hospital that serves the needs of low income, indigent patients – as well as the surrounding middle-class community. Many of our patients suffer with acute, untreated illnesses. Medical students are exposed to common medical illnesses in addition to a wide variety of unusual and rare diseases. Under the supervision of full-time faculty members, medical students will independently evaluate and manage adult patients in a variety of ambulatory care settings, inclusive of the urgent care and PC clinics. Additionally, students will receive exposure to some of the subspecialty clinics to better apprehend the close interaction between general internists and subspecialists in the ambulatory care setting.

Sepulveda VA Medical Center and Continuity – AM016
Students at the Sepulveda ACC, for their Ambulatory Medicine rotation, spend the majority of their time seeing General Internal Medicine patients (scheduled in clinic) on our Patient Aligned Care Teams. Granting the student will have significant autonomy and independence, they work closely with their supervising attending physician. The majority of the patients scheduled for students will be established follow-up appointments, but some patients will be walk-ins for acute issues. Also during the rotation, students will be exposed to a variety of Specialty Medicine clinics (about 15% of the rotation time), and another 10% of their time will be spent in UMMA Clinic (a free clinic in South Los Angeles).

West Los Angeles VA Medical Center and Continuity – AM017
The Ambulatory Internal Medicine clerkship at the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System is designed to provide a variety of clinical experiences in the outpatient setting. In the Primary Care Clinics and Same Day Clinic you will see patients independently, only addressing their chronic issues as it pertains to their urgent complaint – or, other issues that have yet to be followed-up (i.e. adjusting insulin in a patient with cellulitis due to out of control DM). In the Subspecialty Clinic, you will work with a fellow or resident who will be directly observing you. You will be taking a history, performing a physical exam, and presenting to your attending physician.
**Martin Luther King Jr. Outpatient Center (MLK-OC) – AM019**
This comprehensive ambulatory care center consists of primary care, subspecialty medical clinics, and outpatient surgery services. These care centers are a part of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services network. You will be working with dedicated attending physicians in each clinic and have the opportunity to perform a full patient work-up for both new and returning patients. Additional didactic lectures, clinical case discussions, and exam practice sessions will also be scheduled at various times throughout the rotation.

**Kaiser Permanente Downtown LA – AM023**
Five board-certified primary care physicians in Internal Medicine and Family Practice, with two Obstetrician-Gynecologists, staff the Hope Street Medical Office Building, located in the heart of the financial district of downtown LA. We have an onsite Nurse Clinic, physical therapist, general diagnostic imaging, and phlebotomy lab. During the four-week clerkship, our objective is to introduce you to the practice of quality, cost-effective ambulatory medicine within a health care organization. Our patient population involves those who come in for a routine follow-up of chronic conditions, same day visits for semi-urgent conditions, and well-care check-ups. You will learn specific skills: Pap smears, simple dermatologic procedures, IUD insertion, and musculoskeletal/joint injections. We have dedicated rooms for providing care via telemedicine/teleconsults. Students will receive a formal education and broad experience in outpatient medicine through direct supervision by a faculty attending physician.