

FAMILY MEDICINE CLERKSHIP LEARNING OBJECTIVES AND IMPORTANT CONDITIONS

Objectives

At the end of the third-year required clerkship, it is expected that the student will be able to achieve the following objectives:

1. To demonstrate an awareness of the role of the family physician in the health care system, including continuity and comprehensiveness of care, role in the community and use of appropriate referral sources.
2. To demonstrate knowledge of gender and age specific preventive health measures, including screening tools and immunizations.
3. To demonstrate knowledge of common acute and chronic problems seen in family practice, including basic diagnosis and management. These problems are the following:

Complaints:

Abdominal pain	Diarrhea
Anxiety	Headache
Chest pain	Heartburn
Chronic pain	Low back pain
Cough	Shortness of breath

Diagnoses:

Abdominal pain	Headache
Allergic rhinitis	Health maintenance
Anxiety disorder	Hyperlipidemia
Asthma	Hypertension
Back/Neck pain	Injuries/trauma
Contraception	Joint pain/arthritis
Depression	Obesity
Diabetes mellitus (2)	Otitis media
Diarrhea/ gastroenteritis	Skin problems
Fatigue	STI/Vaginitis
Fatty/liver disease	URI
GERD	UTI

4. To demonstrate the ability to take an accurate, problem-focused patient history, including psychosocial and family issues.
5. To demonstrate the ability to perform a complete, accurate physical examination appropriate to the patient's complaint, with special attention paid to the skin and musculoskeletal examinations.
6. To demonstrate the ability to give a complete, accurate and organized case presentation of a patient encounter.

7. To demonstrate the ability to write complete, accurate, organized and focused progress notes.
8. To begin to develop a patient-centered management plan that incorporates the principles of preventive and ongoing care and health education.
9. To demonstrate interpersonal skills that enables the development of patient rapport.
10. To demonstrate the ability to research a patient problem in a systematic manner by utilizing relevant medical literature and expert resources.