2019-20 DGSOM Longitudinal Selectives

- Bioethics Selective
- Mobile Clinic Project at UCLA Selective
- Student Run Homeless Clinics Selective
When does life begin? Should doctors assist in helping their patients end their lives if they have a terminal illness? Can children consent to genetic testing? What constitutes patient confidentiality and privacy? What are possible career paths in ethics for physicians?

These are just some of the questions we will explore in the bioethics selective. We will cover the principles and practice of bioethics and critically analyze what it means to “act justly” as a physician. The lunch talks will engage with the history and practice of bioethics. Evening workshops, held once a semester, will be discussions which allow students to practice applying ethical analysis to complex scenarios they will likely encounter in practice.

This selective will run throughout the year with several talks per semester. There will also be 1 workshop per semester. Being in the bioethics selective also allows students to attend the Clinical Ethics Rounds as well as the monthly Ethics Committee at Ronald Reagan Hospital.

Learning Objectives:

- Critically analyze ethical cases you are likely to encounter as a physician
- Describe the history and field of bioethics, especially in the U.S.
- Explain the role of a hospital ethics committee and get to know the UCLA ethics community

Course Chairs: Clarence Braddock III, M.D., MPH, MACP, Neil Wenger, M.D., MPH and Ashley Feinsinger, Ph.D.

Dr. Braddock is the Vice Dean for Education at the DGSOM. In his role, Dr. Braddock is responsible for developing, managing and implementing strategies, initiatives and innovative programs to promote and support education and training across the DGSOM and to strengthen UCLA’s position as a national leader in academic health sciences. Dr. Braddock is recognized as a national expert on informed decision making and doctor-patient communication, having given numerous invited lectures on informed decision making, as well as workshops at national meetings, and is frequently interviewed for the print, radio, and television media.

Dr. Wenger is a Professor of Medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine at UCLA and a consulting researcher at RAND. He is director of the UCLA Healthcare Ethics Center and is chair of the Ethics Committee at the UCLA Medical Center. He also is director of the NRSA
Primary Care Research Fellowship in the UCLA Division of General Internal Medicine and Health Services Research. Dr. Wenger is an active general internist and carries out research in the empirical study of clinical ethics, care of and decision making for the older patient, and quality of health care.

Dr. Feinsinger is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in DGSOM and Visiting Faculty in the Department of Philosophy at UCLA. Her work focus on clinical ethics, research ethics, philosophy of medicine, and philosophy of language and communication. She teaches courses on working with vulnerable populations, the nature of the patient-physician relationship, concepts of health and disease, disability ethics, paternalism, and autonomy.

**Student Requirements:** 5 lunch talks per year, with 1 evening workshop each semester. One short case write up required. Accommodations can be made for scheduling conflicts with lunch talks. Students are highly encouraged to participate in the ethics rounds and Ethics Committee at Ronald Reagan.

**Enrollment:** Maximum of 20 students, Minimum of 10 students.

**Schedule:** Dates throughout the school year. Lunch talks on select Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Evening workshops and shadowing opportunities are available Tuesdays throughout the year.

**Location:** CHS (Rooms TBD by Session)
Mobile Clinic Project at UCLA

Course Chair:
Denise Garvey, M.D.

Course Description:

The Mobile Clinic Project at UCLA is a student organized multisite program that provides health and social services to unhoused and disadvantaged clients in the West Hollywood and Santa Monica regions. It runs in parallel with food services at (OPCC Ocean Park Community Center) and Salvation Army Shelter with GWHFC (Great Western Food Coalition). The goal is to foster support through social and medical services and serve as a bridge to get this disenfranchised populations acute medical care and connect them with continuity services and social services they request or may benefit from. Extended medical and legal services may also be provided by affiliated care providers in parallel and students may observe their services. Medical students will work with undergraduates and public health students to provide the clinic organization, companion care, EMR training and transition, medical care and coordination of the clinic. The medical students primarily are 1st and 2nd year students with optional 3rd and 4th year students. The medical students are responsible for interviewing patients, performing targeted physical exams, and writing an assessment and plan. All medical care to be directly supervised and an exam performed by the attending with review of all medical student notes, which are to be cosigned on site by the attending. Residents and fellows may also participate in the training of the students, patient exams and review of notes.

Selective students will be responsible for volunteering at six clinics (no more than three in the fall semester). They are responsible to either attend or view webinar or podcasting of 2 lectures over the course of the year. These lectures may be combined with SRHC students as well. There are also separate class discussion thru chs 187A and B over the year and are held Fridays 1-3:50. They must participate in all EMR and clinic training sessions.
They should complete one small project with the help of medical student coordinators in order to improve the clinic experience. This project can include a site visit, emr project, assisting in organizing flow of the clinic, a service improvement in clinic or client needs, participating in companion care, a needs assessment, or donor projects. This can be done in concert with the other nonmedical students as a group project. They should participate in the post clinic discussion. Students are encouraged to visit each mobile clinic site for a broader experience.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Improve interviewing skills and physical examination skills on the underserved population reaching out to the clinic
- Present findings and develop appropriate assessments and plans for patients, with the guidance of attending physicians
- Review factors contributing to homelessness and common medical concerns within this population
- Understand the flow and logistics of a student-run free clinic
- Implement an idea, with the help of medical student coordinators, to improve the clinic or otherwise help its clients
- Learn about local resources outside the mobile clinic to help this vulnerable population and how to refer clients to continuity services to promote improved care
- Learn about common medications to treat the conditions this population is faced with
- Evaluate interests in being a clinic coordinator, for alternative credit

**Student Requirements:**
Students will be required to participate in 6 clinic dates (no more than 3 in the fall semester), attend or view 2 lectures, and complete one final activity to help improve the clinic. Attend the orientation meeting and ALL EMR, and chaparone and training sessions. Record clinic attendance with coordinators. Fill out evaluations.

Enrollment: Maximum Number of Students: 30

Schedule: Various clinic days and lectures
STUDENT RUN HOMELESS CLINICS

Students participate in this longitudinal student-run free clinic to provide basic health services and education to people who are homeless at various shelters throughout the LA area. This has been a well loved early authentic clinical experience for many years. In addition, the students will gain an understanding of the social and health challenges faced by the homeless. Working with faculty volunteers and senior medical students from the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, the students will learn patient interviewing, basic physical examination and assessment skills, vaccine administration, development of treatment plans, case presentation, documentation and clinical outreach management.

Clinics occur weekly, and participation in a minimum of 6 during the academic year is required. Additionally, several noon-time lectures are offered to address medical issues confronted by the urban poor and homeless (attendance at 3 lectures is required). The students will also meet twice during the year for group reflection on this community service learning experience. Selective students often choose to remain active with the Student Run Homeless Clinics in managerial positions as Student Chiefs throughout medical school. This Selective is open to all MS1 and MS2.

**Course Chair:** Mary Marfisee, MD, MPH, is a faculty member in the Department of Family Medicine. She has taught this Selective for the past several years and is a National Advisor to the Society of Student Run Free Clinics.

**Course Coordinator:** Barbara Zolkin, Dept of Family Medicine

**Student Requirements:** Must attend the Orientation session; participation in a minimum of 6 clinics, including at least one Happy Feet Clinic; attend a minimum of 3 noon-time lectures; and attend 2 scheduled reflection sessions with fellow SRHC students and the Course Chair. MS2 Chiefs will register for this Selective and are required to complete 8 clinics by serving in 1 of the 2 managerial roles.

**Teaching Methods:** Clinical Experience and Reflection

**Enrollment:** Maximum of 30 students, plus additional MS2 Chiefs
Sponsoring College: Primary Care College

Schedule: To be arranged on an individual basis; students sign-up for clinics of their choice throughout the year on the SRHC website:

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4fa8ad2da4f58-srhc

- Login and passwords will be set once the student registers for the Selective. A mandatory Orientation will be scheduled early in the Fall. Clinics are held on 2nd and 4th Saturday mornings throughout the year at the Santa Monica Shelter---“Samoshel;” 2 evening clinics each week on Monday and Thursday during the winter months of December-March at the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) West LA Armory Winter Shelter; and every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at the Pathways to Home Emergency Shelter. Happy Feet Clinics are held 5 times throughout the year. Noon-time lecture-discussions are scheduled on weekdays throughout the school year. The two group reflection sessions will be scheduled in the evenings, in January and March. The course requirements must be completed by March 31.