

Family Medicine Clerkship Objectives

The central goal of the Family Medicine clerkship is to help you to enhance your skills in applying the Patient-Centred Clinical Method to understand the patient's personal experience of their illness and find common ground regarding management decisions. This includes:

- Becoming effective in interviewing patients
 - Conducting a skilled and sensitive physical assessment
 - Enhancing your clinical reasoning skills
 - Finding and using the best evidence available
 - Applying the principles of prevention whenever possible
 - Understanding each patient in the context of the “big picture” – the patient as a person, their family and community and their ecosystem
 - Demonstrating professional behaviour when interacting with patients, colleagues and staff.
1. Perform a focused history and physical exam, under supervision, on an adult or elderly patient presenting with the following complaints:
 - a. Abdominal pain
 - b. Chest pain
 - c. Fatigue
 - d. Fever
 - e. Gender health issues
 - f. Gynecological complaints
 - g. Headache
 - h. Lower leg swelling
 - i. Mental health complaint
 - j. Rash
 - k. Shortness of breath
 - l. Substance misuse
 2. Perform a focused history and physical exam, under supervision, on an adult or elderly patient presenting with one or more chronic health conditions.
 3. Present a well-constructed, complete, and concise presentation of a patient assessment. The presentation should include all relevant pertinent positives and negatives. There should be a clear assessment and plan outlined and discussed. The students should be able to provide evidence-based reasoning for the plan.
 4. The student will learn and develop an approach to discussing preventative health issues and pertinent screening tests with patients.
 5. The student will perform the procedures of a generalist physician in a skillful and safe manner, for example administering an immunization, performing a speculum exam, performing a punch biopsy, etc.
 6. The student will learn the importance of the family physician's role in communication with the patient, patient's family and the extended health care team and develop the necessary skills to be an effective healthcare provider in the primary care setting.
 7. The student will participate effectively and appropriately in an interprofessional health care team.
 8. The student will demonstrate professionalism in all patient encounters.

9. Over the course of the Family Medicine Rotations, students may have the opportunity to learn and take part in
 - a. well-baby exam
 - b. mental status exam
 - c. pelvic examination
 - d. the delivery of a baby
 - e. geriatric assessment
 - f. use of local anesthetic and sterile technique
 - g. end-of-life care and discussion