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MEDICINE & DENTISTRY

Western



MEDICINE 5475 - Clinical Clerkship

Three Required Clinical Encounter Assignments:

1. Shadowing a Health Care Professional – two encounters and two essays
2. Clinical Oncology Encounter – two encounters and two worksheets
3. **End-of-Life Care Encounter – one encounter and one worksheet**

End-of-Life Care Encounters. Clerkship is an eye-opening experience and students will experience many “firsts” this year. In an effort to provide a learning opportunity from some of the more sensitive and difficult situations, we have initiated the End-of-Life Care Worksheet.

This worksheet is part of the nation-wide “Educating Future Physicians in Palliative and End-of-Life Care” initiative and is being led by the EFPPEC Committee at Western.

- **Required Assignment:**

- Clerks will complete one [End-of-Life Care worksheet](#) per year, based on one patient encounter. Clerks are invited to use the document throughout the year for all appropriate patient encounters.
- Clerks will present the completed worksheet to their resident to review and discuss why the patient is at the end of his/her life.
- The worksheet is meant to represent a typical clinical approach guiding the decision making of:
 - Identifying a patient at risk of dying;
 - Transitioning care from acute care to end-of-life care;
 - Care for a dying patient and his/her family.
- The worksheet is available on the Year 3 web page and via the link above.
- The worksheet is designed only to guide conversation between clerks and residents.
- The clerk will then indicate in the one45 tracking program that they saw a patient near, or at, the end of his/her life.