

## 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

**1. Shadowing a Health Care Professional.** The clerk will gain insight into the role, knowledge and skills of a health discipline while comparing insights with their own disciplinary role, knowledge and skills. Shadowing sessions should not be scheduled during an ER shift or a busy CTU shift and the time away from service should be approved by your preceptor in advance.

▪ **Required Assignment:**

1. Spend a half day shadowing a health care professional. **The clerk will be expected to do two assignments:**
  - i. Spend a half day shadowing a nurse, AND
  - ii. Spend a half day shadowing one other health care professional. Select a health discipline listed on the Office of Interprofessional Education and Research website <http://www.ipe.uwo.ca> under the “Professionals in Teams” section.
2. The reports should be case-based. Students should shadow someone who is actively involved in the care of one of their patients. By doing so, the student can explore how different team members interact with each other and with the care of a common patient. A sample report will be provided to the students.
3. IPE assignments will be tracked in the Yellow Book. This will provide Rotation Directors with the opportunity to discuss the experience with the clerk.
4. Students will be given a timeline to complete the assignments. **Assignment #1 is due December 20, 2013. Assignment #2 is due April 29, 2014.**
5. Students will be provided with some questions to consider addressing in the reports, such as:
  - i. Based on this experience, how will you change your practice with respect to working with allied health care professionals?
  - ii. Do you think non-physicians on the health care team are underappreciated? If so, why?
  - iii. How would working with this allied professional differ in a rural community as compared to a teaching centre?

**Practical Notes:**

- The Rotation Directors are aware of this objective, and should grant you time during the rotation to complete your assignment. You should, however, give your director ample notice. Shadowing sessions should be booked in advance.
- The healthcare professional may not be aware of this assignment. You may give them a copy of the Letter of Introduction for clarification.
- Handing in the assignment: Email to [clerkship@schulich.uwo.ca](mailto:clerkship@schulich.uwo.ca)