

## General Medicine II

**Credit:** Elective

**Location:** LAC+USC Medical Center

**Revised:** 12/2008

Applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis throughout the year.

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### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Students will be able to:

1. Experience being the "first contact" for acutely ill patients.
2. Practice the independent gathering and prioritizing of patient information, developing differential diagnoses, and suggesting diagnostic and treatment strategies for review in real time with one's supervisor.
3. Perform and chart thorough and accurate histories and physical examinations.
4. Perform common procedures in internal medicine.
5. Interpret common laboratory and diagnostic tests.
6. Use of medical literature, computer-based searching tools, and other informational resources to develop a detailed understanding of the internal medicine problems encountered.
7. Apply your understanding of basic pathophysiology to the clinical data and develop comprehensive differential diagnosis.
8. Design appropriate, evidence-based, cost-effective diagnostic and treatment strategies.
9. Perform concise, complete and well-organized verbal case presentations.
10. Write complete and relevant daily progress notes.
11. Provide health care to a diverse, multicultural patient population and recognize the impact of social, cultural, and spiritual beliefs and practices upon the physician and patient relationship and management of disease.

**PREREQUISITE:** Approved Visiting Student Application

**DURATION:** 4 Weeks

**DATES OFFERED:** July-November, February-April

**Rotation Scheduled:** to begin on Monday Morning's

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS:** Variable depending on clerkship availability.

**VISITING STUDENTS:** Yes

### **SUPERVISION:**

50% Residents

50% Faculty

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Senior Medical Students will work directly with attending physicians and residents in the provision of patient care in an inpatient, sub-internship experience. Students must attend all lectures and conferences, be an integral member of your medicine team, function near the level of an intern, and perform in-depth investigations and research about your patients' medical problems. The team consisting of a faculty attending, a senior resident, a junior resident, two interns, one to two 4<sup>th</sup> year students, and one to two 3<sup>rd</sup> year students. The junior resident is to teach and supervise senior medical students. Your resident will select patients who are appropriate for you to manage and aid you in fulfilling the goals covered in the Learning Objectives. Each student must admit at least 12 patients over the course of the rotation. Students may be assigned admissions when on-call or on "non-call" days as appropriate. In addition, students are expected to participate in AM rounds, case conferences (M&M), and procedures.

### **EVALUATION:**

Evaluation is based on clinical performance. A written evaluation is completed by the supervising attending at the end of the rotation.