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AMBULATORY CARE ROTATION

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INTRODUCTION:

The pharmacy student will be expected to learn the basic skills needed to provide evaluations and recommendations for medication management of Family Practice patients in the clinic setting.

SCHEDULE:

Orientation will begin at 0800 hours on the first day of the rotation. Students should report to the Pharmacy Department Administrative Office, first floor, Clinic Mall Area, WAMC. Hours will generally be 0700-1630, Monday through Friday. The student is expected to be flexible to accommodate learning opportunities and the needs of the patients. Students are expected to dress professionally, and to wear the provided WAMC photographic identification badge in a visible location while on duty.

GOALS:

Upon completion of the rotation, the student shall be able to:

- Demonstrate effective communication skills in verbal and written form to hospital staff and patients.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the pathophysiology and pharmacotherapy of those disease states most frequently encountered on the Family Medicine service.
- Provide drug information to the clinic staff. This includes short form memory answers to properly researched and written responses.
- Be able to review a patient's chart, to include laboratory and diagnostic tests, and then provide pharmacotherapy guidance to the patient's physician.
- Provide guidance to the physicians on medication needs. Such considerations as cost, duration of therapy, and best combination of medications for each patient.
- Be able to make a formal presentation of a patient to a group with the intended outcome of a medication treatment plan for that patient.
- Demonstrate maturity and professional demeanor in difficult situations.
- Demonstrate proficiency in situations related to basic ambulatory care (i.e. – blood pressure, insulin injection technique, glucometer training, etc.)

PROJECTS:

- The student will present a journal article to the staff of the Pharmacy Department during the second or third week. This article, chosen by the student or preceptor, should represent an important advance in medical knowledge. The article must be approved by the Preceptor.
- The student will present a formal case presentation over a disease state to the Clinical Service. The final case must be approved by the Preceptor. The student should prepare a PowerPoint program and provide a handout to the pharmacy staff.
- The student will present lectures to Family Medicine residents, staff or patients as needed on topics to be determined. The student will also be required to prepare a patient handout regarding an herbal supplement and its use in ambulatory care. If the student has other requirements that must be fulfilled for the University, we will make every attempt to accommodate those needs.
- The student will be required to demonstrate appropriate patient counseling skills in

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regards to basic ambulatory situations such as checking blood pressure, teaching patients to use a glucometer or administer insulin, etc.

EVALUATIONS:

Students will be evaluated at both the mid-point and completion of the rotation using the Pharmacy school standard evaluation form. In addition to presentations and project requirements, the evaluation will be based on the student's ability to communicate with patients and health professionals, response to drug information questions, attendance, professionalism, and timeliness in completion of assignments.

Student

Date