

INTERNAL MEDICINE

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INTRODUCTION:

The pharmacy student will be expected to learn the basic skills needed to provide evaluation, and recommendations for medication management of Internal Medicine patients in the in-patient 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 be 0700-1530, 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 an Internal Medicine Inpatient service.
- Provide drug information to the hospital 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 discharge planning of medication needs. Recommendations will encompass such considerations as cost, IV to PO switch, duration of therapy, and best mix 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.

PROJECTS:

- The student will present a journal article to the professional staff of the Pharmacy Department during the second or third week. This article, chosen by the student, should represent an important advance in medical knowledge. The article must be approved by the Preceptor.
- The student will make a formal case presentation to the Clinical Service in the final week. The case must be approved by the Preceptor. The student should prepare a PowerPoint program and provide a handout to the pharmacy staff.
- If the student has other requirements that must be fulfilled for the University, we will make every attempt to accommodate those needs.

EVALUATION:

Students will be graded according to the Preceptor evaluation form as provided by their University. 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