

Pediatric Clerkship Objectives

1. Students will acquire the basic knowledge of growth and development (physical, physiologic, and psychosocial) and understand its clinical application from birth through adolescence.
2. Students will acquire the knowledge necessary for the diagnosis and initial management of common pediatric acute and chronic illnesses.
3. Students will develop an understanding of the approach of pediatricians to the health care of children and adolescents.
4. Students will develop an understanding of the influence of family, community and society on the child in health and disease.
5. Students will develop communication skills that will facilitate the clinical interaction with children, adolescents, and their families and thus ensure that complete, accurate data is obtained.
6. Students will develop their competency in the physical examination of infants, children, and adolescents.
7. Students will develop their clinical problem-solving skills.
8. Students will develop of strategies for health promotion as well as disease and injury prevention.
9. Students will develop the attitudes and professional behaviors appropriate for clinical practice.
10. Students will develop an understanding of how to deal with personal bias or another team member's bias towards a patient or patient group.
11. Student will develop an adequate social history including screening for domestic violence and smoking exposures.
12. Student will develop an understanding in how a medical team functions and the role of each member of the team.
13. Student will develop an understanding of the local medically underserved patient population.
14. Student will acquire an understanding how to translate research to the care of a patient.
15. Student will acquire an understanding the ethical issues which can arise with the consent process in pediatric patients, refusal of treatment by a child's caregiver, and the care of severely disabled children.