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BMS 6940

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Course Overview

The Summer Clinical Practicum [BMS 6940] is an immersive, experiential learning activity providing opportunities for students to practice and improve basic clinical skills. Students are assigned to a primary care physician to participate in patient care activities under the direct supervision of the primary care physician. This course also provides students opportunities to participate in patient care activities at locations throughout the state of Florida and into southern Georgia.

Course Goals

- Provide clinical learning experience
- Increase awareness of the impact of wellness and illness on the patient.
- Increase awareness of the impact a physician may have in the lives of his/her patients.
- Increase awareness of the responsibilities of a physician in a community
- Develop life-long learning skills of reflection and self-evaluation

Learning Objectives

By the end of this experience a student will:

- Demonstrate the ability to obtain a focused history and perform a physical exam appropriate to the patient history.
- Demonstrate the ability to identify personal, social and spiritual factors important to an individual patient’s health care.
- Document subjective and objective information in a SOAP format.
• Develop a set of goals and objectives for his/her own continued growth and development
• Use reflection to enhance experiential learning.

**Course Dates**

• Session 1: May 9 through May 27, 2016
• Session 2: May 31 through June 17, 2016

**Competencies**

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<td>Knowledge for Practice</td>
<td>Document subjective and objective information in a SOAP format.</td>
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Assignments and Grading

The basic responsibility for achieving course objectives rests with the student. The Clinical Faculty role is to act as a resource and provide feedback and appropriate patient care experience within the clinical faculty’s practice. The student is responsible for accomplishing the objectives and completing the assignments.

FSU COM has adopted a pass/fail grading system which is used in the curriculum for the first and second years (See page 31 of Student Handbook). To achieve a grade of Pass in the Summer Clinical Practicum [BMS 6490] a student must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Receive a satisfactory evaluation from the Clinical Faculty Preceptor.
2. Define personal objectives for the course. Discuss these objectives with Clinical Faculty at the beginning and conclusion of the clinical experience.
3. Submit a de-identified and HIPAA-compliant progress note on one patient encounter using the appropriate SOAP format.
   a. This note should be uploaded to the assignments folder in your student portfolio as a word document NO LATER THAN 6 PM on Monday of the second week of the course.
   b. All aspects of the SOAP-Subjective/Objective/Assessment/Plan should be addressed in the SOAP note.
   c. While the Assessment and Plan portion of the SOAP note are areas that might not have been covered in the curriculum prior to this course, students need to get into the habit of thinking about an assessment and plan for every patient they see.
4. Record in the Evaluation and Management section of the e*Value PxDx system a minimum of 10 total patient encounters for the three weeks of the course during which they perform either a history and/or a physical exam. While most students will record many more encounters for the three weeks of this course, 10 is the MINIMUM a student must record for the three weeks of the course and would reflect minimal effort on the part of the student.
5. Complete the narrative competency module:
   a. Watch an 18 minute TED talk “Honoring the Stories of Illness” by Rita Charon available at either of the following URLs
      http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=24kHX2HiU3o
   b. Read the story Chocolate Cake – a good example the importance of narrative competency in a patient interview (available on Blackboard: Chocolate Cake.pdf).
   c. Complete a “no-agenda” interview of one patient or patient family dealing with a chronic health issue. IMPORTANT: After introducing yourself and asking for permission to talk with the patient, begin the interview with the exact phrase: “Please tell me what you think I should know about your situation.” Do not add words about specific health problems or diseases. “Situation” is meant to be open to the patient’s interpretation.
   d. Write a reflection (no more than 1 page) on this experience, focusing on differences you perceive between this patient encounter and others you had in the summer and how narrative competence supports patient centered care. You may consider differences in the kind of information offered by patients in this interview compared to their answers to questions in the medical interview. A few examples are posted on Blackboard along with the feedback they received.
   e. Upload this reflection to the assignments folder in your portfolio NO LATER THAN 5 PM on Monday of the last week of the course.
You all have used your portfolio in classes during your M1 year. In case you have forgotten how to upload a document to your portfolio, go to the FSU COM Website. Click on SharePoint Intranet under the My Resources tab. In the middle of the next page is the Student academic portfolio under the stethoscope icon. Click on the Student academic portfolio, then click on your class. You might have to click on your name to get to your own portfolio. In the upper left margin is the Assignments folder. When you click on that, you should be in your Assignments folder. Click on Documents at the top of the screen. There is an option to Upload a document at the top of the screen. You can then Browse to find the document you want to upload and put your document in your portfolio assignments folder.

Suggested Reading Materials

- Dutton G, Gabriel J, eds. Basic Interviewing Skills Booklet (on Blackboard under Tool Belt)
- Facioli AM, Amorim FF, Almelda JQ A Model for Humanization in Critical Care, 2012; Permanente Journal 16: 75-77
**Americans with Disabilities Act**

Candidates for the M.D. degree must be able to fully and promptly perform the essential functions in each of the following categories: Observation, Communication, Motor, Intellectual, and Behavioral/Social. However, it is recognized that degrees of ability vary widely between individuals. Individuals are encouraged to discuss their disabilities with the College of Medicine’s [Director of Student Counseling Services](#) and the FSU Student Disability Resource Center to determine whether they might be eligible to receive accommodations needed in order to train and function effectively as a physician. The Florida State University College of Medicine is committed to enabling its students by any reasonable means or accommodations to complete the course of study leading to the medical degree.

**The Office of Student Counseling Services**  
Medical Science Research Building, G146  
Phone: (850) 645-8256 Fax: (850) 645-9452

This syllabus and other class materials are available in alternative format upon request. For more information about services available to FSU students with disabilities, contact the:

**Student Disability Resource Center**  
874 Traditions Way  
108 Student Services Building  
Florida State University  
Tallahassee, FL 32306-4167  
Voice: (850) 644-9566  
TDD: (850) 644-8504  
sdrc@admin.fsu.edu

**Academic Honor Code**

The Florida State University Academic Honor Policy outlines the University's expectations for the integrity of students’ academic work, the procedures for resolving alleged violations of those expectations, and the rights and responsibilities of students and faculty members throughout the process. Students are responsible for reading the Academic Honor Policy and for living up to their pledge to "...be honest and truthful and...[to] strive for personal and institutional integrity at Florida State University." (Florida State University Academic Honor Policy, found at [http://fda.fsu.edu/Academics/Academic-Honor-Policy](http://fda.fsu.edu/Academics/Academic-Honor-Policy))

**Attendance Policy**

The College of Medicine has detailed attendance policies as they relate to each cohort and events that conflict with course schedules. See pages 28-29 of [FSUCOM Student Handbook](#) for details of attendance policy, notice of absences and remediation.

Students are expected to be present with their Preceptor whenever the Clinical Faculty is seeing patients.
### SOAP NOTE COMPONENTS

**Mark NA for components that may not be applicable for the session.**

**S=Subjective (What the patient/family tells you and/or information received from other professionals.)**

1. Note includes only elements of the history (subjective elements); does not include elements of the physical exam.
2. Note contains chief concern in patient’s own words and includes all agenda items.
3. Note includes at least 5 elements of the history of present illness (“sacred seven”: location, quality, quantity, timing, context, modifying factors, and associated symptoms).
4. Note includes impact on daily functioning (e.g. BADLs, IADLs, and/or AADLs) and at least (1) other indicator of “patient-centeredness,” e.g. comment re:
   - ideas/ hypotheses about causation
   - worries/fears about symptoms or condition
   - impact on relationships/ self-concept
5. Note includes at least (4) indicators of an expanded history with pertinent review of systems, and relevant components of past medical history, social history, and family history.

**O=Objective (What you observed and the findings of the physical exam maneuvers you performed.)**

1. Note includes only elements that are truly from the physical exam (objective elements); does not include elements of the history.
2. Note includes ALL vital signs (P/BP/RR/Temp/Ht/Wt/BMI) with correct units of measurement and other relevant descriptors (e.g. B.P. = 120/70 mmHg in the left arm while sitting).
3. Note includes a general assessment of the patient with at least (2) items from each category listed below:
   - Category 1: age comparison, apparent gender, body habitus, consciousness level
   - Category 2: demeanor, eye contact, health status, mannerisms, notable characteristics
4. Note includes observation of the affected area and, when appropriate, comparison made upon inspection and examination of the corresponding area on the opposite side.
5. Note describes an examination of the affected area and an adjacent area (i.e. adjacent organ system or joint).
6. Note includes at least (4) pertinent (positive and negative) findings including:
   - Reference to degree of discomfort, if applicable (e.g. comment re: absence or presence of tenderness or discomfort during physical exam maneuvers).

**Comments (e.g. organization of note, demonstration of clinical reasoning, etc.):**

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**Faculty Name:** ____________________