



# CLERKSHIP INFORMATION SHEET

**Title of Clerkship:** Emergency Medicine

**Academic Year:** 2018 - 2019

**Duration of Clerkship (# of weeks):** 4 weeks

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## Clerkship Site Locations & Directors:

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## Mission Statement of Clerkship:

This 4-week clerkship helps students to improve their evaluation and presentation skills and practice medical decision making under the supervision of Emergency Medicine faculty. Clinical experiences in the Emergency Department (ED) allow students to assess patients of all ages with acute, urgent, and critical complaints, practice procedural skills, and facilitate application of evidence based medicine. The didactics, labs, simulation, and web based exercises enhance their knowledge, promote use of clinical guidelines, medical decision making, opportunities for self-directed learning and reflection. Professionalism and the ability to work effectively in teams under challenging situations are modeled. Patient and family education and appropriate use of outpatient community resources are practiced.

## Goals of Clerkship:

As a required fourth year clerkship, faculty seek to prepare students for the more independent practice required for residency. The clinical experience will focus on teaching students to recognize emergent conditions, prioritize treatment options, manage an interdisciplinary team, and determine appropriate disposition. At the end of the clerkship, students should be more comfortable with their assessment of patients with potentially dangerous conditions, and more autonomous in their practice. Students should hope to gain confidence in their skills and feel more prepared to enter residency.

## Objectives of Clerkship:

By the end of the clerkship students will be able to:

- Obtain an accurate problem-focused history and physical examination
- Recognize immediate life threatening conditions
- Develop an evaluation and treatment plan
- Monitor the response to therapeutic interventions
- Develop appropriate disposition and follow-up plans
- Educate patients on safety and provide anticipatory guidance as necessary related to the patient's chief complaint
- Educate patients to ensure comprehension of discharge plan
- Develop a differential diagnosis when evaluating an undifferentiated patient
- Prioritize likelihood of diagnoses based on patient presentation and acuity
- List the worst-case diagnoses
- Develop a management plan for the patient with both an undifferentiated complaint and a specific disease process
- Effectively use available information technology, including medical record retrieval systems and other educational resources, to optimize patient care and improve their knowledge base
- Effectively communicate with patients, family members, and other members of the health care team



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- Demonstrate a compassionate and nonjudgmental approach when caring for patients
- Present cases in a complete concise and organized fashion
- Effectively communicate with consultants and admitting services
- Be conscientious, on time, and responsible
- Exhibit honesty and integrity in patient care
- Practice ethical decision-making
- Exercise accountability
- Maintain a professional appearance
- Be sensitive to cultural issues
- Work in a collegial manner with other members of the health care team
- Recognize when patients should be appropriately referred to the ED
- Recognize the importance of arranging appropriate follow-up plans for patients being discharged from the ED
- Recognize the role of EM in the community, including access to care and its impact on patient care
- Understand the indications, costs, risks, and evidence behind commonly performed ED diagnostic studies