OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the Junior Family and Community Medicine Clerkship, students will be able to:

ALTRUISM

- Demonstrate respect for the individuality, values, goals, concerns and rights of the patient and the patient’s family.
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of the professional and ethical issues facing family physicians in various forms of health organizations.
- Understand the role of the family physician as coordinator of care.
- Recognize the value of serving as a member of a health care team and the important roles of other family practice health care team members.
- Recognize the need for the family physician’s continuing role and responsibility in the care of patients during the processing of consultation and referral.
- Develop the tools needed to affectively communicate with the patient, the patient’s family, consultants and others in the practice while demonstrating respect for confidentiality of patient information.

KNOWLEDGE

- Demonstrate a basic level of competency in the history, physical examination, procedural and problem-solving skills needed to assess and manage the wide spectrum of problems seen in family medicine* (Appendix 1).

SKILLS

- Demonstrate the ability to gather essential and accurate historical information about the patient.
- Conduct a detailed and accurate age-specific physical examination.
- Identify and discuss the diagnosis of common, acute and undifferentiated medical problems specific to the geographic community.
- Recognize how social, community and economic factors affect patient care.
- Recognize the importance of patient education as a foundation of compliance and disease management and prevention.
- Recognize the importance and complexity of providing longitudinal, comprehensive and integrated care for the patient.

DUTIFUL

- Demonstrate the ability to investigate and evaluate their patient care practices, appraise and assimilate scientific evidence to improve their patient care practices (i.e., evidence-based medicine).
- Utilize web-based, textbook and library resources to effectively manage information.
- Recognize the importance of life-long learning by continuously seeking patient information from a variety of sources.