

ELECTIVE NAME:

Inpatient Family Medicine

COURSE NO:

FMP 612

PREREQUISITE:

Required Family Medicine Clerkship

INSTITUTION:

Mercy Health Saint Mary's

DESCRIPTION:

This elective will introduce the student to the concepts of Family Medicine, a specialty which provides continuous and comprehensive health care on a primary basis to families. A major emphasis will be placed on practical, clinical experience through direct patient care. Students will develop a close working relationship with Family Medicine residents and faculty. This four week clerkship introduces students to the role of the family physician in caring for hospitalized patients. While most of the work-load and many of the distinctive skills of the family physicians are centered in the office practice, some of the patients seen in the office must from time to time be admitted to the hospital. For the hospitalized patients, the family physician remains the primary physician. Compared to patients seen in the office, however, a greater proportion of the problems of hospitalized patients require consultations with and referrals to other specialists. Management of the care of the hospitalized patient, and especially of the relationships among physicians and other health care providers in the hospital, is the major focus of attention in this clerkship.

Inpatient: 100%.

OBJECTIVES:

- The student will develop an appreciation for Family Medicine as a specialty and become aware of the goal of continuous and comprehensive care as it relates to Family Medicine.
- The student will see patients in a variety of settings, primarily in the hospital and with some office practice and emergency room experience.
- The student will observe all facets of Family Medicine, stressing the inter-relationship of disease and prevention of disease within the family unit.
- The student will develop skill in the assessment of problems presented by ambulatory patients, though this is not central to the rotation.

EVALUATION:

Preceptor(s) will be asked to submit a written evaluation through a standard Clinical Performance Evaluation (CPE) at the conclusion of the clerkship. Faculty are encouraged to provide ongoing feedback throughout elective rotations.