



Internal Medicine Clerkship

Orientation

Welcome!

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Goals

- Appreciate the amount of learning you will do in this formative year
 - Third year of medical school
 - Internship
 - 1st year as attending





Expectations and How to Succeed

- Be on time and dress appropriately
- Be proactive
- Be a team-player
- Be flexible
- Have a positive attitude and be kind
- Ask for feedback and show you are working to apply the feedback
- Be interested, ask questions, and participate in decision-making
- Read extensively and share your knowledge with the team
- Stay focused on patient care



Schedule

2025-2026 M3 Medicine Clerkship Calendar

May 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

June 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

July 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26

August 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

September 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27

October 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25

November 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22

December 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27

January 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

April 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25

May8

Nov8

Jul8

Jan8

Sep8

Mar8



Schedule

- 2 blocks (1 4 week block and 1 4 week block)
 - 2 inpatient rotations
 - General medicine or subspecialty services
 - Loyola and Hines VA or NCH (Florida) or MacNeal
 - 1 outpatient rotation and 1 inpatient rotations
 - Loyola or Hines
 - Multiple outpatient sites



Daily Activities

- Inpatient
 - 6:00 AM: Preround (with house staff)
 - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM: Attending rounds
 - 12:00 PM: Conferences
 - 1:00-5:00 PM:
 - Follow-up with patients
 - Complete notes
 - Call and follow-up consults
 - Procedures



Daily Activities

- Outpatient
 - 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Morning clinic
 - 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM: lunch and commuting
 - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM afternoon clinic



Didactics

Lectures

- Occur in person on Tuesday afternoons (NCH will join remotely)
- Handouts accessible on website
- **Mandatory**
- Attendance with QR code

Case discussions

- Occur in person at Loyola and Hines
 - Outpatient may join or can review independently
 - Macneal / NCH - will log on remotely (optional)
- Student guides accessible on website
- Answer guides posted at weeks 4 and 7
- Mandatory

Aquifer

- 36 online, interactive cases
- Cases and link listed on website



Required Patient Encounters

- Required patient encounters
- Alternate ways to complete
- Patient log cards





Direct Observation

- Required across clerkships
 - Completed by attending or resident
 - Track in mylumen
 - Must complete by end of clerkship
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- 1 observed history
 - 3 observed lung and cardiovascular exam



Health Systems Science Integration

- IHI module PS 102 - From Error to Harm
 - Complete early in clerkship
- Paired activity:
 - Review instructional material on Incident Report (powerpoint slides)
 - Work with a resident or attending to submit an Incident Report OR at least discuss the process with them
 - Do NOT file an Incident Report without direct supervision
- Attestation on Sakai
 - Indicate if you participated in a submitting an Incident report under supervision OR you did not have a safety event and so did not submit one



Educational Resources

- Pocket Medicine
- Step-Up To Medicine
- Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine and Harrison's Manual of Medicine
 - Updated links on website for all objectives
- Up-to-date
- Primary literature



Assessments and Grading

- NBME shelf examination 30%
- Free-text exam 10%
- OSCE and Clinical Reasoning Exam 10% (50% for each component)
- Clinical Performance 35%
 - 2 week evaluation 8.75%
 - 4 week evaluation 8.75%
 - 6 week evaluation 8.75%
 - 8 week evaluation 8.75%
- Radiology presentation 5%
- Clinical Question Conference presentation 5%
- 2 Graded H&Ps 5% (each 2.5%)
- Final grade determined as follows:
 - Honors: $> \text{mean} + \text{SD} \times 0.75$
 - High pass: $< \text{mean} + \text{SD} \times 0.75$ to $\text{mean} - \text{SD} \times 0.25$
 - Pass: $< \text{Mean} - \text{SD} \times 0.25$
- Year end assessment → shift cut points to achieve 30% H, 40% HP, 30% P



Assessments and Grading

- NBME Shelf Examination
 - Occur on last day of clerkship
 - Pass is 58 (5th percentile nationally)
- Free-text examination
 - 5 short answer questions
 - Assess clinical knowledge and application
 - 1 hour and 30 minute examination occurring right before your OSCE during week 6



Assessments and Grading

- OSCE and Clinical Reasoning Examination
 - OSCE
 - 30 minutes for standardized patient encounter
 - Brief feedback with standardized patient
 - Clinical Reasoning Examination
 - Occurs directly after the SP encounter
 - Completed on computer in SDL room
 - 30 minutes
 - Document short patient history, physical exam
 - List up to three diagnoses and associated history/exam findings to support them
 - List up to six diagnostic tests you would like



Assessments and Grading

- Formative Feedback Form
 - Complete the formative feedback form at weeks 1, 3, 5, and 7
 - Can be completed by ANY member of your team
 - Actionable feedback
 - Upload to sakai when completed
- Clinical Performance Evaluation
 - Inpatient:
 - QR codes or electronic links will be distributed to attendings
 - Comprehensive team evaluation, should be reviewed with you personally
 - Outpatient:
 - 2 week eval: primary care anchors ONLY, grades will be averaged
 - 4 week eval: primary care anchors AND specialists
 - 50% average of primary care anchors
 - 50% average of specialists
 - Physicians should review with you
 - Faculty development
 - Likert scale
 - 60, 70, 80, 90, 100%



Assessments and Grading

- Radiology presentation
 - Randomly assigned Tuesday afternoon
 - During an inpatient month
 - Power-point format, 5-10 minutes long, deidentified imaging
 - Consult a radiologist
 - Review evaluation form
 - Clerkship director will grade



Assessments and Grading

- Clinical Question Conference presentation
 - Will occur throughout the clerkship at Loyola and Hines
 - Complete student form and use this as a guide to your presentation
 - May use power-point but not required
 - Review evaluation form
 - 5-10 minutes long
 - Graded by 2 faculty graders (scores will be averaged)
 - Should be attended by all students at the site



H&P write-ups

- 4 required H&Ps or progress notes
 - 2 MUST be H&Ps to be graded but all four can be H&Ps
- Do not wait until end to complete
- Review with residents and/or faculty
- Turn in to Vivian
- Select 2 to be graded for your assessment
 - Validated assessment tool
 - 1 graded by CD and 1 graded by ACD



SMART goal

- 1 required per clerkship
- Complete form and upload to Sakai by end of 1st week
- Will be reviewed at mid-clerkship meeting





Absences and Sickness

- Any absence must be reported to the school, Vivian, myself, and your team/attending
- Preapproved requests
- **If sick you MUST notify all the above and report to Student Health**





COVID Rules

- Okay to provide direct in-person care of covid+ patients
- If concerning exposure in or out of the hospital notify Vivian, student health, and me
 - Do not report to work until you are directed to
- Surgical masks in some areas
- May wear scrubs
- Frequent handwashing
- Review of donning/doffing PPE video



Contacts and Troubleshooting

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