

# 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
  - 1<sup>st</sup> 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

## 2026-2027 M3 Medicine Clerkship Calendar

**May 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	29	30

**June 2026**

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

**July 2026**

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
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**August 2026**

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26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29

**September 2026**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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

**October 2026**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24

**November 2026**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21

**December 2026**

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

**January 2027**

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**February 2027**

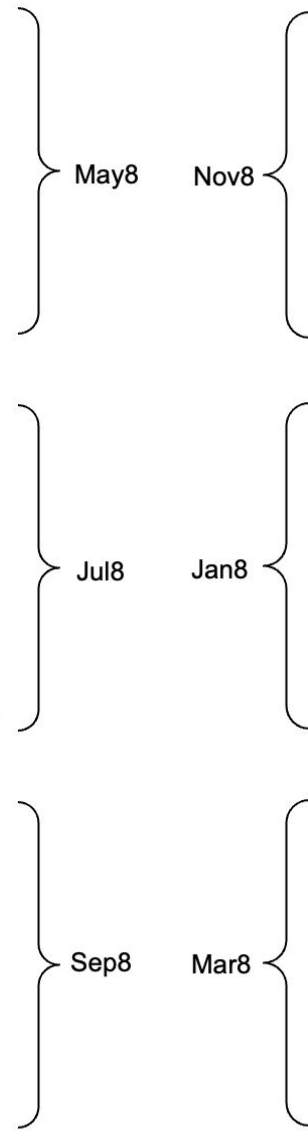
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**March 2027**

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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**April 2027**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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# 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
  
- 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

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# Educational Resources

- Pocket Medicine
- Step-Up To Medicine
- Harrison's Principles of Internal 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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