GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE WARDS
SHANDS HOSPITAL AND MR/GVAMC

GOAL:
To obtain experience and expertise in managing total care of acutely and chronically ill patients admitted to a general medicine service.

OBJECTIVES:
1. MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE:
The resident will demonstrate knowledge of the presentation of, differential diagnosis, diagnosis, and management of illnesses common to internal medicine to include:
   a. Shortness of breath
   b. Asthma
   c. COPD
   d. Pneumonia
   e. Diabetes.
   f. Renal failure
   g. Acid-base disorders
   h. Sodium disorders
   i. Potassium disorders
   j. Urinary tract infections/pyelonephritis
   k. Pancreatitis
   l. Gastrointestinal bleeding
   m. Abdominal pain
   n. Anemia
   o. Venous thromboembolic disease
   p. Hypercoagulable states
   q. Opportunistic infections
   r. Mental status changes

2. PATIENT CARE:
The resident will demonstrate appropriate, compassionate, and competent care to include the promotion of health, prevention of illness, treatment of disease, and
end-of-life care. To develop fully one’s skills and diagnostics by use of complete history, physical examination, laboratory and radiographic testing, and response of the patient to a treatment plan.

3. PRACTICE-BASED LEARNING AND IMPROVEMENT:
The resident will use scientific evidence and methods to investigate, evaluate, and improve patient care practices.

4. INTERPERSONAL AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS:
The residents will establish and maintain professional relationships with patients, families, and members of the health care team. To become adept in communicative skills with patients and family in order to acquire information from, to establish trust and rapport with, and to teach the patient how to deal with the impact of his illness.

5. PROFESSIONALISM:
The resident will demonstrate behaviors that reflect a commitment to continuous professional development, ethical practice, and understanding and sensitivity toward diversity and a responsible attitude toward patients, the profession, and society.

6. SYSTEMS-BASED PRACTICE:
The resident work with other members of the healthcare team such as PCRMss and social workers to optimize care of the patient. This will include demonstrated concern for discharge planning and appropriate post-hospital follwup.

SITE:
General medical wards at Shands Hospital or MR/GVAMC.

SUPERVISION:
Faculty from the Department of Medicine.

EVALUATION:
Periodic formative feedback and end-of-rotation summative evaluation by ward attending.

TEACHING METHODS:
The attending will conduct teaching rounds on a frequent basis as documented by the round taskforce. Teaching will also occur at the bedside and in the emergency department as new patients are admitted to the services. Residents will also participate in the daily conferences including the noon conference and morning report.

PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS:
Inpatients with acute and chronic medical problems admitted to Shands at UF and the GVAMC.

TYPES OF CLINICAL ENCOUNTERS:
The resident will perform the initial evaluation of the patient and implement a plan of care. The attending will review the plan of care and modify it as needed. The team will adjust the plan on a daily basis as the clinical situation changes.

READING LISTS:

PATHOLOGIC MATERIAL:
Residents will review pathologic specimens with a pathologist at times when such specimens are available.