COMMUNITY WEEK
PRECEPTOR GUIDE

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Introduction

Thank you for participating in the University of Ottawa's Community Week. This program for first year medical students allows them the opportunity to experience a rural medical practice early in their career. It is a wonderful opportunity for them and a unique opportunity for communities like yours, both to promote rural medicine and to offer a positive view of the rural lifestyle.

We appreciate the time and effort it takes to do this and hope this experience as a teacher and mentor is a positive one for you.

As described in the goals and objectives, the student will spend time with you, experiencing the variety of your work week. As well, we hope the student has an opportunity to spend time with other members of the health care team.

At the end of the week we ask you to fill out a mandatory evaluation of the student (enclosed).

Thank you again for your support.
Goals and Objectives

Goals
The goal of the Community Week is to offer first year medical students an opportunity to experience a typical rural medical practice early in their education, as well as having exposure to a rural lifestyle.

Objectives
With completion of the community week, the student will:
1) Understand the multifaceted role of the rural physician, such as:
   - Office practice
   - Hospital practice including Emergency and Inpatient Care,
   - Obstetrics if applicable
   - Surgery if applicable
   - Care in other environments, i.e. House Calls, Nursing Homes
2) Appreciate and understand the role of all the members of the health care team in the delivery of rural health care
3) Have an opportunity to work in a medical office and experience direct patient contact in a professional manner.
4) Better understand the lifestyle of the rural physician both at work and in interacting with their community

Clinical Skills & Knowledge Base

What to expect from First Year University of Ottawa Medical Students: Clinical Skills and Knowledge Base

At the end of first year, Medical Students at the University of Ottawa have:
- Some basic anatomy and physiology.
- Some knowledge of infection and host response, cardiovascular and respiratory systems.
- Have minimal knowledge of other body systems.
- Some knowledge of interviewing skills.
- Some knowledge of physical examination of the cardiovascular and respiratory systems.
- Limited experience in the clinical setting and interacting with patients.

Please be aware of this limited clinical experience. If your student is involved in a stressful clinical encounter (cardiac arrest, a violent patient, etc) please take the time to review the event and discuss both their reactions, and ways to deal with these difficult situations.
Expectations

The student is expected to spend the majority of time with the physician to whom they are assigned. As much as possible, the student should experience the full range of their preceptors practice including hospital rounds, house calls, on call rotations, ER shifts etc.

The student will primarily be shadowing their preceptor, and may have the opportunity to have some patient contact including history taking, physical exam and some minor procedures, under direct supervision. The student will be expected to behave in a professional manner, with appropriate attention to promptness, grooming, attire, and respect for staff, patients and their families.

During the week, time should also be spent with other members of the health care team, including nursing, public health, mental health, pharmacy, etc based on availability. As well, the student should have opportunities to be involved in recreational activities in the community that highlight each communities appeal.

At the end of the week, the student will be evaluated by their preceptor, and in turn, evaluate the program and the preceptor.

*As this is a mandatory course, the student must pass in order to continue their training. The evaluation form deals with understanding of rural practice issues and professionalism. It would be highly unusual for a student to fail, as long as they attend the sessions and behave in a professional manner. If you have reason to consider failing a student, or have concerns about a student, please contact our office as soon as possible, preferably during the rural week.*
Evaluation of Student by Preceptor

Student Name: __________________________ Signature: __________________________
Preceptor Name: __________________________ Signature: __________________________
Dates: __________________________ Location – Area: __________________________
Pass:☐ Fail:☐

Rural Medicine

The student:
1) Can describe/discuss the role of the rural physician in multiple practice settings.
   Below: ☐ Meets: ☐ Exceeds Expectations: ☐
2) Understands the roles of the other members of the Health Care Team and how they impact on patient care.
   Below: ☐ Meets: ☐ Exceeds Expectations: ☐
3) Appreciates both the difficulties and rewards of working and living in a rural community.
   Below: ☐ Meets: ☐ Exceeds Expectations: ☐

Professional responsibility

The student:
1) Is punctual and attends all expected activities
   Below: ☐ Meets: ☐ Exceeds Expectations: ☐
2) Is respectful of peers, staff and patients
   Below: ☐ Meets: ☐ Exceeds Expectations: ☐
3) Shows sensitivity in addressing and acknowledging patient concerns
   Below: ☐ Meets: ☐ Exceeds Expectations: ☐

Comments:


