

Geriatric Evaluation and Management

- Goal:** To provide the opportunity for the fellow to learn and practice the essence of comprehensive assessment of the geriatric outpatient in an interdisciplinary setting
- Location:** The Geriatric Evaluation and Management clinic (GEM) at the VA Pittsburgh Medical Center
- Preceptor:** Michelle Rossi MD, MPH. Dr. Rossi is a fellowship-trained board certified geriatrician and medical director. She is also the Director of the Pittsburgh VA Geriatric Evaluation and Management Clinic and the Physician Surveyor for the VA State Home Survey Team.
- Experience:** The fellow will work with Dr. Rossi and interdisciplinary team members at the GEM. Clinics take place all day on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Competency-based Objectives:

Medical Knowledge

1. To understand the unique needs of the older veteran population
2. To know and understand the contributions of geriatricians, physician extenders, nurses, psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, physical, occupational and speech therapists, and pharmacists in an outpatient consultative setting

Patient Care (Clinical Skills)

3. To determine the interdisciplinary needs of patients and formulate a plan of care both as the geriatric physician and as a member of the team

Patient Care (Patient Management Skills)

4. To appropriately bring other clinicians into the assessment phase of care

Practice-based Learning

5. To become competent in assessing cognitive, functional, medical, social, environmental and economic status and life values in the frail elderly

Communication and Interpersonal Skills

6. To learn how to conduct an interdisciplinary team meeting
7. To learn how to conduct an effective patient-family meeting

Professionalism

8. To understand the ethical and legal implications of caring for frail older persons

System-based Practice

9. To learn how to make appropriate use of community resources

Evaluations: Direct observation and feedback by faculty
Competency-based faculty evaluation form at end of rotation

Recommended reading:

William Hazzard et al. Principles of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology. McGraw Hill Company 2003, p.99-144.

Dan Osterweil, et al. Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment. McGraw Hill Company. 2000.

Note: These texts are available in the GEM Clinic area at the VA Pittsburgh Medical Center

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