

Home-based Primary Care (HBPC)

- Goal:** To provide the opportunity for the fellow to gain experience in HBPC
- Location:** VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System Home-based Primary Care Program (HBPC)
- Preceptors:** David A. Pasquale, DO, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine
- Experience:** The fellow will attend interdisciplinary team meetings at the VA and visit patients in their homes one day every other week throughout their clinical year of fellowship.

Competency-based Objectives:

Medical Knowledge

1. To recognize the strengths and limitations of healthcare provision in the home

Patient Care (Clinical Skills)

2. To perform a geriatric assessment in a non-institutional environment including assessment of functional, cognitive, psychiatric and social status
3. To evaluate the safety of the home environment

Patient Care (Management Skills)

4. To learn how to manage chronic illness in a non-institutional setting
5. To make appropriate use of the skills of other members of the interdisciplinary team

Communication and Interpersonal Skills

6. To communicate effectively with the patients caregiver/s, members of the interdisciplinary team and other healthcare providers to optimize patient care

Systems-based Practice

7. To understand how home-based care fits into the overall spectrum of healthcare for older persons
8. To know what therapeutic services are available in the home
9. To know the community-based resources available to support homebound older adults
10. To understand physician reimbursement for house calls

Evaluations: Direct observation and ongoing interaction and feedback from team
Competency-based evaluation by preceptor at 6 months and one year

Recommended reading:

Boling, Peter, MD, "The Physician's Role in Home Health Care," Springer Publishing Company, Incorporated, 1997.

Lustbader, Wnedy, Hooyman, Nancy, "Taking care of Aging Family Members, A Practical Guide, The Free Press, 1994.

Preceptor

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