

Nephrology

Goal: To provide the opportunity for the fellow to gain expertise in managing renal problems in hospitalized older adults.

Site: UPMC McKeesport Hospital

Preceptor: Ramon G. Lozano, MD is a board-certified nephrologist and geriatrician.

Experience: The fellow will see inpatient consults, liaise with primary care housestaff, and communicate with family members. Teaching will take place on daily rounds with the attending. The fellow should research topics that have arisen in patient care and be prepared to discuss the findings.

Competency-based Objectives:

Medical Knowledge

1. To learn how to dose medications appropriately in elderly patients with renal impairment

Patient Care (Patient management skills)

2. To learn about the optimal management of End stage Renal Disease in the elderly
3. To learn how to manage acute renal failure in the older patient

Practice-based learning

4. To write effective notes in the chart that justifies the level of billing

Communication and Interpersonal skills

5. To communicate consultation findings effectively to the primary care team both in writing in the chart, and verbally if this is indicated

Professionalism

6. To learn to apply geriatric principles in balancing potentially curative and palliative approaches to care in frail elderly patients with renal disease
7. To become comfortable discussing limitations of care with regard to ESRD with patients and family members

System-based Practice

8. To learn about available community resources for elderly patients with ESRD

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

Preceptor

Fellow

Date: _____

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