

FMED 4011 - Acute Care of the Elderly (ACE)

Medical Specific Course Types

Selective - Inpatient
Medical Elective

Course Description

During this 4-week inpatient selective, students work with board-certified geriatricians and palliative care physicians at CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital - Medical Center to care for acutely ill hospitalized geriatric patients. Students will learn about the unique needs of older adults and engage in family-centered care and a comprehensive interprofessional approach. At the completion of the selective, the student will demonstrate an ability to:

1. Evaluate an elderly patient to include history, physical examination, and problem list
2. Administer a complete geriatric assessment including cognitive evaluation, medication review, activities of daily living, and depression screening
3. Interpret assessment findings in the context of a patient's functional level
4. Make a comprehensive geriatric treatment plan
5. Target and prevent functional decline
6. Determine capacity for decision making
7. Identify and describe the geriatric syndromes
8. Utilize home health services appropriately
9. Make referrals for outpatient rehab and for consultants

Student Responsibilities:

1. Obtain approval from Course Director to register.
2. Student must follow instructions on the Christus Santa Rosa website to obtain access to computer and parking (located under the "Medical Student Registration Information" heading on <http://christussantarosa.org/GME>).
3. Student must make sure they have proper access to EPIC.

Course Instructor/Coordinator

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Max Students Per Rotation: 1

Periods Available: All

Prerequisites: Course is reserved for senior medical students only.

Location: Geriatrics Division, Family and Community Medicine- Christus Hospital ACE Workroom

Duration: 4 weeks only