Ambulatory Acting Internship – Educational Objectives

1. Apply concepts of population medicine in the care of a community and its medical and health concerns.
2. Provide culturally sensitive health care to a community population including medically underserved individuals in a rural or urban environment.
3. Appropriately identify and use community resources available to address the challenges specific to this population.
4. Identify health disparities in Alabama and be prepared to discuss the role of physicians in reducing disparities and the social contributions to health disparities.
5. Apply their medical knowledge and clinical reasoning skills, along with the principles of clinical epidemiology, to form appropriate hypotheses related to patient problems in the community setting.
6. Obtain an accurate and pertinent medical history, including relevant aspects of social, family and community history, from appropriate and available sources and record it in an accurate, concise, and effective manner.
7. Perform and record a relevant, targeted physical examination.
8. Review and present the patient, including historical, social, and physical findings, to the preceptor or faculty member.
9. Use the clinical laboratory, imaging studies, and other diagnostic testing in an appropriate and cost-effective manner relevant to the setting and situation.
10. Discuss the methods and limitations of commonly performed diagnostic tests in the ambulatory setting.
11. Apply critical appraisal skills in using the library and electronic resources to research evidence relevant to patient care encountered.
12. Deliver proficient oral presentations in the ambulatory setting.
13. Demonstrate sensitivity to the psychosocial, educational, economic, cultural and religious backgrounds of patients that underlie their diverse belief systems.
14. Apply ethical principles of patient care in the management of individual patients.
15. Diagnose and manage, with oversight of the preceptor, common medical problems, conditions and situations seen in community-based practice.
16. Describe and implement age-specific, risk-appropriate and culturally sensitive clinical prevention and health promotion, including lifestyle modification techniques for common situations.
17. Perform or assist with common medical procedures in the ambulatory setting.
18. Develop a population health improvement project and/or a written narrative of the ambulatory clinical experience addressing community medical problems or deficiencies.