CEPC MEETING AGENDA
01:00 PM - 02:30 PM
09/08/2022

CHAIR:
Dr. Maureen Francis, MD, FACP. MS-HPeD

VOTING MEMBERS:
Colby Genrich, MD; Fatima Gutierrez, MD; Houriya Ayoubieh, MD; Jessica Chacon, PhD, Munmun Chattopadhyay, PhD; Patricia Ortiz, MD
Khanjani Narges, MD

EX-OFFICIO:
Lisa Beinhoff PhD; Linda S. Ellis, MD; Tanis Hogg, PhD;

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:
Pending MS1 (Voting); pending MS1 (Ex Officio); Rowan Sankar MS2 (Voting); Nikolas Malize MS2 (Ex Officio); Whitney Shaffer MS3 (Voting); Rohan Rereddy MS3 (Ex Officio); Miraal Dharamsi MS4 (Voting); Daniel Tran MS4 (Ex Officio);

INVITED/GUESTS:
Richard Brower, MD, FAAN; Christiane Herber-Valdez, PhD; Martin Charmaine, MD; E. Lee Rosenthal, PhD; Khanjani Narges, MD; Jose Manuel de la Rosa, MD, Maria Cotera; Priya Harindranathan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Minutes will be attached.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
 Presenter(s): Dr. Francis
   o Doctor of Medicine Degree Program & PGOs AY 22-23

CEPC 09/08/2022
ITEMS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
Presenter(s): Students

ITEM I POLICY UPDATES
Presenter(s): Dr. Francis
- Grading, Promotion, and Academic Standing (GPAS)
- Clinical Supervision of Medical Students
- The Common Clerkship Policies
- Preparation of GME Trainees for Participation in UME
- Clerkship Director/Assistant Director Position Descriptions
- Clerkship Administration

ITEM II SCi SYLLABUS UPDATES
Presenter(s): Dr. Rosenthal

ITEM III CLERKSHIP DIRECTORS UPDATE
Presenter(s): Dr. Francis

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**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Meeting minutes from July 14, 2022 were adopted. Members voted electronically and asynchronously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Dr. Francis opened the meeting as the new CEPC Chair. Former Chair Dr. Alexandraki left the institution to pursue new role at the University of Arizona College of Medicine. Dr. Francis emphasized the importance of the CEPC committee and invited participants to engage in discussions. She announced that the Clerkship Review Phase should start in October.

**ITEMS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**
Presenter(s): Mr. Dharamsi

- Miraal commented that better communication strategy is needed for follow-ups and completion of the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE) letters. He explained that initial individual meetings with Dr. Martin or Dr. Ellis were conducted, however, the organization of the follow-up meetings was challenging due to the amount of students that needed additional review prior to submission (September 28th – submission deadline). Miraal added that there were some technical issues with IT so the grades were not sent to Dr. Martin and Dr. Ellis on time so they could not construct MSPE swiftly. Dr. Francis explained that all of the data required for these letters was uploaded in students’ E-portfolio. Miraal noted that he suggested to other students to share that data with Dr. Ellis and Dr. Martin to prevent any delays. Dr. Francis concluded that she will touch base with Dr. Ellis about this topic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presenter(s): Ms. Cotera

- Ms. Cotera presented the Doctor of Medicine Degree Program for the current academic year along with the PGOs. Both documents are published online. *Please see attached documents

ITEM I POLICY UPDATES

Presenter(s): Dr. Francis

- Dr. Francis initiated the policies’ revision project by presenting the following policies: *Please see attached documents with recommended changes.

  - Clinical Supervision of Medical Students Policy - Dr. Francis stated that Year 3/4 Committee did not have any recommended changes to the current version.
  - Dr. Francis pointed out that the common clerkship policies are updated and reviewed yearly by the Year 3/4 Clerkship Committee and the CEPC. Therefore, the attached policy is in effect and no changes are needed.
  - Preparation of GME Trainees for Participation in UME - Dr. Francis explained that clerkship directors did not suggest any changes to the current policy. She noted that policy is just governing the process of preparation of residents and fellows prior to their
interactions with students. Clerkship directors from each department have already prepared preparation plans (template attached to the policy).

○ Clerkship Administration Policy & Clerkship Director/Assistant Director Position Descriptions Policy - Dr. Francis said that Clerkship administration policy requires the input from the EVU committee before the final approval. Year 3/4 Committee revised these policies and agreed that due to added responsibilities there should be an increase of FTE for clerkship directors and assistant directors. Dr. Martin asked if chairs are in agreement with suggested changes. Dr. Francis explained that chairs are members of the EUV committee and more information will be available after their meeting. Dr. Martin pointed out that very often the OSA sends students to clerkship directors for advising, so this should be also addressed as an additional duty. Dr. Ortiz agreed and pointed out that she spends significant amount of time advising and mentoring students on residency applications and career choices. Dr. Brower added that EVU formula doesn’t directly inform the discussions that chairs have with faculty about the split of their time or responsibility. He noted that everybody in academics does the work beyond 1.0 FTE type of framework so the chairs are often in situation to negotiate these things. He concluded that ultimately the decision depends on the EVU committee’s response.

○ Dr. Francis queried it this committee was in favor of recommended changes. All participants were in favor.

○ Dr. Francis noted that Grading, Promotion, and Academic Standing (GPAS) has been under revision for a year and will take more than one meeting to be finalized. She suggested change that students should pass the Step 1 before they start the clerkship phase. She explained that the CBSE exam would help students to predict their score on the Step 1. Dr. Hogg added that CBSE is highly predicted test for the Step 1, especially if students take the Step 1 within a week of taking the CBSE. He explained that according to consultation with the NBME most of the schools are using it as the qualifying exam for the Step 1. He pointed out that our school chose the value of 63 as a passing criteria, which has 89% probability of passing the Step 1 if the student takes it within the week. Dr. Francis noted that this practice would give students a break before they start 3rd year which is considered difficult. Students would have an opportunity to take CBSE by the
Members voted electronically and asynchronously, and adopted the following items:

- Meeting minutes from July 14, 2022
- The Common Clerkship Policies

ITEM II - SCI SYLLABUS UPDATES

Presenter(s): Dr. Khanjani

On behalf of Dr. Rosenthal, Dr. Khanjani presented non-substantive modifications of the SCI syllabus which was approved by the CEPC at July’s meeting. Dr. Khanjani asked if few changes in area of biostatistics could be done at this point. Dr. Francis explained that non-substantive changes do not need to be approved by the CEPC, however, any other changes could not be allowed in the middle of the year. Dr. Francis concluded that any major changes will have to be approved prior to the start of the course.

Dr. Hogg expressed his concern with gradual but consistent reduction in the number of clinical experiences that students are getting through the SCI. He mentioned that he purchased 5 copies of “Value-added roles for medical students” books published by AMA, which outline opportunities for students to have meaningful experiences in the pre-clerkship phase.

ITEM III - CLERKSHIP DIRECTORS UPDATE

Presenter(s): Dr. Francis

- Dr. Acharya would replace Dr. Boppana and become the new Assistant Clerkship director for Internal Medicine
  *Dr. Acharya CV is attached

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Meeting adjourned at 2:31pm.
# Doctor of Medicine Degree Program

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The Integrated Curricular Elements (ICE) Program contains curricular requirements that intentionally span the four-year curriculum; includes both credit and non-credit components.

*Order of M3 & M4 clerkships and coursework vary by student – requirement listing only, sequence not implied.

†SARP II & SARP III required by all students; may be taken at any time from M2 thru M4 year.
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**Purpose and Use of Educational Program Goals and Objectives**
The Foster School of Medicine educational program goals and objectives are outcome-based statements that guide the instruction and assessment of medical students as they develop the knowledge and abilities expected of a physician. All elements of the Foster School of Medicine curriculum are derived from and contribute to the fulfillment of one or more of the medical education program's goals and objectives.

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Patient Care
Provide patient-centered care that is compassionate, appropriate and effective for the treatment of health problems and the promotion of health.

PC-1.1 Gather essential information about patients and their conditions through history taking, physical examination, and the use of laboratory data, imaging studies, and other tests.

PC-1.2 Make informed decisions about diagnostic and therapeutic interventions based on patient information and preferences, up-to-date scientific evidence, and clinical judgment.

PC-1.3 For a given clinical presentation, use data derived from the history, physical examination, imaging and/or laboratory investigation to categorize the disease process and generate and prioritize a focused list of diagnostic considerations.

PC-1.4 Organize and prioritize responsibilities in order to provide care that is safe, efficient, and effective.

PC-1.5 Recognize a patient requiring urgent or emergent care, and initiate evaluation and management.

PC-1.6 Counsel and educate patients and their families to empower them to participate in their care and enable shared decision-making.

PC-1.7 Provide preventative health care services and promote health in patients, families, and communities.

PC-1.8 Demonstrate and apply understanding of key issues in performing procedures and mitigating complications, and demonstrate reliable mechanical skills in performing the general procedures of a physician.

Knowledge for Practice
Demonstrate knowledge of established and evolving biomedical, clinical, epidemiological, and social-behavioral sciences, as well as the application of this knowledge to patient care.

KP-2.1 Compare and contrast normal variation and pathological states in the structure and function of the human body across the life span.

KP-2.2 Apply evidence-based principles of foundational/ basic science to health care.

KP-2.3 Apply evidence-based principles of clinical sciences to diagnostic and therapeutic decision-making and clinical problem solving.

KP-2.4 Apply principles of epidemiological sciences to the identification of health problems, risk factors, treatment strategies, resources, and disease prevention/health promotion efforts for patients and populations.

KP-2.5 Apply principles of social-behavioral sciences to patient care including assessment of the impact of psychosocial, cultural, and societal influences on health, disease, care seeking, adherence and barriers to care.

KP-2.6 Demonstrate an understanding of and engagement in the creation, dissemination and application of new health care knowledge.

Practice-Based Learning and Improvement
Demonstrate the ability to investigate and evaluate the care of patients, to appraise and assimilate scientific evidence, and to continuously improve patient care based on constant self-evaluation and life-long learning.

PBL-3.1 Identify gaps in one's knowledge, skills, and/or attitudes, and perform learning activities to address them.

PBL-3.2 Demonstrate an understanding of quality improvement principles and their application to analyzing and solving problems in patient and/or population-based care.

PBL-3.3 Incorporate feedback into practice.

PBL-3.4 Locate, appraise and assimilate evidence from scientific studies related to patients' health problems.

PBL-3.5 Obtain and utilize information about individual patients, populations or communities to improve care.

PBL-3.6 Participate in the education of patients, families, students, trainees, peers, and other health professionals.

Interpersonal and Communication Skills
Demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills that result in the effective exchange of information and collaboration with patients, their families and health professionals.

ICS-4.1 Communicate effectively with patients and families across a broad range of socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds.

ICS-4.2 Communicate effectively with colleagues and other health care professionals.

ICS-4.3 Communicate with sensitivity, honesty, compassion and empathy.

ICS-4.4 Maintain accurate, comprehensive and timely medical records.

Professionalism
Demonstrate understanding of and behavior consistent with professional responsibilities and adherence to ethical principles.

PRO-5.1 Demonstrate sensitivity, compassion, and respect for all people.

PRO-5.2 Demonstrate knowledge of and appropriately apply ethical principles pertaining to patient privacy, autonomy and informed consent.

PRO-5.3 Demonstrate accountability to patients and fellow members of the health care team.

PRO-5.4 Demonstrate and apply knowledge of ethical principles pertaining to the provision or withholding of care.

PRO-5.5 Demonstrate and apply knowledge of ethical principles pertaining to health care related business practices and health care administration, including compliance with relevant laws, policies, regulations and the avoidance of conflicts of interest.

PRO-5.6 Demonstrate honesty and integrity in all professional and academic interactions.

PRO-5.7 Meet professional and academic commitments and obligations.

Systems-Based Practice
Demonstrate an awareness of and responsiveness to the larger context and system of health care, as well as the ability to call on other resources in the system to provide optimal care.

SBP-6.1 Describe the health system and its components, how the system is funded and how it affects individual and community health.

SBP-6.2 Demonstrate the ability to identify patient access to public, private, commercial and/or community-based resources relevant to patient health and care.

SBP-6.3 Incorporate considerations of benefits, risks and costs in patient and/or population care.

SBP-6.4 Describe appropriate processes for referral of patients and for maintaining continuity of care throughout transitions between providers and settings.

Interprofessional Collaboration
Demonstrate the ability to engage in an interprofessional team in a manner that optimizes safe, effective patient and population-centered care.

IPC-7.1 Describe the roles and responsibilities of health care professionals.

IPC-7.2 Use knowledge of one's own role and the roles of other health care professionals to work together in providing safe and effective care.

IPC-7.3 Participate in different team roles to establish, develop, and continuously enhance interprofessional teams to provide patient- and population-centered care that is safe, timely, efficient, effective, and equitable.

IPC-7.4 Recognize and respond appropriately to circumstances involving conflict.

Personal and Professional Development
Demonstrate the qualities required to sustain lifelong personal and professional growth.

PPD-8.1 Recognize when to take responsibility and when to seek assistance.

PPD-8.2 Demonstrate healthy coping mechanisms in response to stress and professional responsibilities.

PPD-8.3 Demonstrate flexibility in adjusting to change and difficult situations.

PPD-8.4 Utilize appropriate resources and coping mechanisms when confronted with uncertainty and ambiguous situations.
GPAS POLICY UPDATE

CEPC PRESENTATION 9/8/2022
# GPAS Policy Revision – CEPC Presentation

## Current Version

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## Recommended Changes

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c. **Good academic standing:** Good academic standing is defined as not being on probation as defined below in Sections 9 (pre-clerkship phase) and 11 (clerkship phase).
   i. In order to enroll in any additional or supplemental elective courses or programs, or to serve as an officer for a school-sponsored student organization, students must be in good academic standing. Students not in good academic standing are required to withdraw from any additional or supplemental elective courses or programs, and to resign from any ongoing service as an officer for any school-sponsored student organizations.
   ii. Students in good academic status but on academic warning, as defined in Sections 9 and 11 below, are expected to critically review and reduce their extracurricular activities (leadership roles, supplemental curricula, and/or volunteerism), and to seek approval of their plans in this regard from the Associate Dean for Student Affairs or their designee. This review is to be documented and retained in the Associate Dean’s files. Non-adherence to an approved plan may result in referral of the student to the GPC for a review of their academic status based on a professionalism concern.

Recommended Changes

c. **Good academic standing:** Good academic standing is defined as not being on students on academic/professional probation as defined below in Sections 9 (pre-clerkship phase) and 11 (clerkship phase) are not in good academic standing. Students on academic warning as defined in Sections 9 (pre-clerkship) and 11 (clerkship) are still considered to be in good academic standing unless otherwise specified by the GPC.
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d. **Leave of Absence:** Students on leave of absence are required to resign from any ongoing service as an officer for any school-sponsored student committees, organizations or leadership roles. Participation in volunteer activities must be approved by the Associate Dean for Student Affairs or their designee. For more information, please refer to the ________ Policy.
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- **Academic warning**: Students on academic warning have specifically identified academic challenges that are potentially remediable within the current academic year or prior to progression to the next academic phase. Unless specifically modified by the GPC, this status persists until all associated academic performance deficiencies are satisfactorily resolved, at which point the student is no longer considered at-risk.

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Recommended Changes

- **Academic/Professional Warning**: Students designated as on academic/professional warning have specifically identified academic and/or professional challenges that are potentially remediable within the current academic year or prior to progression to the next academic phase. Unless specifically modified by the GPC, this status persists until all associated academic and/or professional performance deficiencies are satisfactorily resolved, at which point the student is no longer designated as on academic or professional warning.

- **Academic/Professional Probation**: Academic/professional probation is a formal designation and is recorded on the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE) at the discretion of the Grading and Promotions Committee. Students on academic/professional probation have specifically identified academic and/or professional deficits that are not remediable within the current academic year or prior to progression to the next academic phase. In most instances of academic probation, students will be required to repeat a year or complete a revised curriculum plan that is less than one year in duration. This needs to be considered in conjunction with the Leaves of Absence and Suspensions Policy Operating Policy and Procedure HSCEP OP: 77.05, Student Leaves of Absence and Suspensions. U; unless specifically modified by the GPC, the designation of academic probation persists until satisfactory completion of the repeat year, at which point the student is on academic warning until satisfactory completion of the pre-clerkship phase of the curriculum, at which point the student is no longer on academic warning. At the discretion of the GPC, in some cases a student placed on academic/professional probation for professionalism concerns may be permitted to progress without repeating the year. The designation of professional probation will remain until the GPC determines that the professionalism issue has been satisfactorily addressed and remediated.

Goal of the changes was to clarify Academic Warning and Probation and what is recorded on the MSPE Student Leaves of Absence and Suspensions Policy is HSCEP OP 77.05.
All students are subject to individualized GPC reviews that incorporate the student’s current and accumulated academic performance since matriculation, any professionalism notations/concerns, compliance with educational program expectations (per program policies and as may be individually specified by the GPC), and any exceptional circumstances affecting the student’s academic performance. In most cases a student’s at-risk status is automatically determined by their circumstances as outlined below. However, at-risk students initially designated as on academic warning shall be re-designated as on probation if the GPC determines that repeat of the year is not necessary (as when individual remediation may be approved).

Proposal to remove the final sentence which would not automatically change the status of the student
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**One SPM unit and SCI, Medical Skills, or Colloquium**

*Academic warning and referral to the GPC at the discretion of the relevant course directors and/or the associate dean for medical education (for consideration of individual remediation, repeat of the year, or dismissal)*

**Two SPM units and SCI, Medical Skills, or Colloquium**

*Probation and referral to the GPC for consideration of repeat of the year or dismissal*

### III. Failure of one course:

**SPM (more than two units failed)**

*Probation and referral to the GPC for consideration of repeat of the year or dismissal*

**SCI, Medical Skills, or Colloquium**

*Probation and referral to the GPC for consideration of individual remediation, repeat of the year or dismissal*

### IV. Failure of multiple courses:

**Any combination of two courses (SPM, SCI, Medical Skills, and/or Colloquium)**

*Probation and referral to the GPC for consideration of repeat of the year or dismissal*

**Any combination of three or four courses**

*Referral to the GPC for consideration of dismissal*

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**New designation for deferred/temporary grades in 3 or more courses**

**Combined “Failure of one course section” and edits in “Failure of Multiple Courses”**
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Wording changes in professionalism section regarding PSWBC referral and sentence regarding criminal history removed
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**a. Year 1 students**

- To advance to Year 2, all Year 1 academic expectations, including passing of the Comprehensive End-of-Year Exam (CEYE), must be fulfilled prior to 3 full business days before the start of orientation for Year 1 of the next academic cycle.
- Unsuccessful, incomplete, or unattempted resolutions of deferred/temporary grades (timeline as above) will result in a grade of FA (failure) for the associated course or requirement, with no opportunities for remediation other than repeat of the year, if eligible.

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## Recommended Changes

**a. Year 1 students**

- To advance to Year 2, all Year 1 academic expectations, including passing of the Comprehensive End-of-Year Exam (CEYE), must be fulfilled a minimum of 2 weeks before the start of orientation for Year 1 of the next academic cycle.
- Unsuccessful, incomplete, or unattempted resolutions of deferred/temporary grades two weeks before orientation of the 2nd year (timeline as above) will result in a grade of FA (failure) for the associated course or requirement, with no opportunities for remediation other than repeat of the year, if eligible or dismissal.

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- For on-time promotion to the clerkship phase according to the standard degree plan, students completing Year 2 must take the USMLE Step 1 exam prior to the first day of orientation for the next Year 3.
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- Student passes (routinely or through remediation) all pre-clerkship phase courses and is designated as on academic warning or probation due to professionalism concerns.
- Student’s eligibility to take the USMLE Step 1 examination is subject to GPC review and approval (with GPC discretion to require advancement under academic warning and an individual remediation plan, repeat of the year, or dismissal).

Review revised criteria for eligibility to take Step 1 and requirement to pass prior to start of year 3.
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Student completes Year 2 but does not take USMLE Step 1 prior to the first day of orientation for the next Year 3

Academic warning, ineligible to enroll in Year 3. Refer to GPC to explain rationale for delaying USMLE Step 1 and progression into the clerkship phase. GPC discretion to direct student to engage with academic counseling/support resources, and the student is required to pass USMLE Step 1 before re-enrolling in the curriculum. Upon passing USMLE Step 1, the student will enter the clerkship phase either with block 2 of the same academic year, or with block 1 of the next academic year (as determined by the GPC in consultation with the Associate Dean for Medical Education and based on educational program considerations such as block capacity and the comparability of student cohorts and experiences). If a student in this situation does not pass Step 1 prior to block 2 of the same academic year, then their final opportunity to enter Year 3 shall be with block 1 of the next academic year.

Recommended Changes

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Revision – required pass on Step 1 prior to first day of orientation
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Paragraph 2 in first box not necessary if pass is required prior to start of the clerkship; Failure of second attempt - revised
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Table 10 Additional Rules Related to Repeat of a Pre-Clerkship Year (see also Section 12.b below)

Students on academic probation and repeating a pre-clerkship year will be subject to the following rules that apply to both fall semester and end-of-year reviews and must go to tutoring as a condition from the GPC. The students may avail themselves of the TTUHSC EP tutors or they may seek out outside tutors and demonstrate that they are working with them on a regular basis.

I. Deferred/temporary grade in any semester course or any year | Refer to GPC for discussion of progression plan or consideration of dismissal |
II. Failure of any semester course (includes SPM, SCL, MS or Colloquium) | Refer to the GPC for consideration of dismissal |
III. Professionalism concerns | Rules as per Sections 9 & a - apply (see above) |

*Repeat of the year is not a possibility in these circumstances because it would violate the 9 year rule as outlined in Section 15.*

Repeat year expectations revised
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11. Review of clerkship phase coursework
The GPC reviews Year 3 core clerkship block student progress at the end of each block and at the end of the academic year. The GPC reviews Year 4 student progress on a rolling basis as indicated based on input from the Assistant Dean for Clinical Instruction and/or the Associate Dean for Student Affairs. Except for the intersessions and the boot camp (which apply the Pass/Fail grading mode), all completed courses of the clerkship phase apply the Honors/Pass/Fail grading mode. Other transcript notations may apply to courses/clinics not completed (per HSCEP OP 59.05 Grading Procedures and Academic Regulations). The use of temporary grades and grade notations shall also be regulated by an educational program policy subsidiary to HSCEP OP 59.05. Students passing all courses/clinics with no professionalism concerns or exceptional circumstances adversely affecting their academic progress are promoted as a cohort according to the class year (per PLFSOM academic catalog). All other students are considered at-risk and are further characterized as either on academic warning or probation (see also paragraph 5c above):

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Note regarding clerkship phase remediation plans: Standard remediation plans may be specified by course/clinical block syllabus. When individualized course/clinical block (or component) remediation is a consideration, the relevant course/clinical block director(s) shall propose a plan for GPC review and approval.

Pass/fail courses updated; updates in wording
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Review updated wording for clarification and regarding new block system.

Recommended Changes

Review updated wording for clarification and regarding new block system.
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**v. Professionalism concern**

- A student referred to the GPC based on a professionalism concern may be designated as at-risk and on academic warning or probation based on the GPC's review of the specific concern(s) and the student's overall academic record. As professionalism is an essential component of the school's academic program (see the PLF SOM medical education policy on program goals and objectives), the GPC may issue directives solely based on professionalism concerns (regardless of the student's performance related to other educational program goals and objectives).
- GPC recommendations may include individual remediation* delayed progression to Year 4, repeat of Year 3, delay of graduation, or dismissal
- Any disclosure of student criminal history record information (CHR) per HSCEP OP 10.20 shall result in referral to the GPC for review of the student's academic status based on a professionalism concern

*Students cannot earn clerkship phase elective credit for GPC-required remediation(s)

### Recommended Changes

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- GPC recommendations may include individual remediation*, delayed progression to Year 4, repeat of Year 3, delay of graduation, or dismissal
- GPC may recommend a formal notation in the professionalism sections on the MSPE

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Recommended Changes

Updated wording including electives
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* Added wording for Year 4 Professionalism concern
## GPAS Policy Revision – CEPC Presentation

### Current Version

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| vii. Failure of Step 2 CK or CS on the second attempt | Probation, student required to meet with the Associate Dean for Student Affairs (or their designee), student’s College Masters notified, GPC review not required but student must submit a passing score for both Step 2 CK and CS by May 1st in order to graduate in May of the same academic year (non-fulfillment of this requirement may result in delay of graduation) |
| viii. Failure of Step 2 CK or CS on the third attempt | Referral to the GPC for consideration of dismissal |

*Students cannot earn clerkship phase elective credit for GPC-required remediation(s)*

### Recommended Changes

| vi. Failure of Step 2 CK prior to October 31st of 4th year | Student will be removed from rotations and placed on academic warning, required to meet with the Associate Dean for Student Affairs (or their designee), student’s College Mentors notified, GPC review not required until graduation timeline is affected. Student can return to the curriculum once the Step 2 CK exam has been taken. |
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Review updated wording for Step 2
12. Failure to remediate
   a. If a student fails to successfully complete a GPA-approved remediation plan (as per the framework outlined above), then the student shall be automatically referred back to the GPC for consideration of repeat of the year, if eligible, or dismissal.
   b. If a student on probation fails any courses/clerkships during a repeat year, then the student shall be automatically referred back to the GPC for consideration of dismissal (see also table 10 above).

13. Promotion and graduation timeline
   a. Students are expected to complete the MD degree program and graduate within 4 years of initial matriculation.
   b. A student's timeline for completion of the MD degree may be extended due to:
      i. A school-approved leave of absence.
      ii. Academic difficulty requiring repetition of an academic year per this policy.
   c. Non-completion of Years 1 and 2 of the MD degree program within 3 years will result in dismissal, regardless of cause.
   d. Non-completion of the MD degree program within 6 years will result in dismissal, regardless of cause.

14. Appeals
   a. A student may appeal the decision of the GPC. This appeal must be made to the Dean or their designee of the School of Medicine within five business days. In writing, and must cite grounds for the appeal. An appeal may only be based on a claim that due process of GPC policies and procedures was not followed.
   b. The Dean or their designee may issue the decision alone or may appoint an Appeals Committee comprised of three members of the faculty to determine whether a basis for appeal exists.
   c. If an Appeals Committee is appointed:
      i. The Associate Dean for Student Affairs (or their designee) and the Chair of the GPC (or their designee from among the regular members of the GPC) shall serve as ex officio members of the Appeals Committee.
      ii. The Appeals Committee will be convened by the Associate Dean for Student Affairs within five business days after appointment to consider the student's appeal.
      iii. The student shall notify the Associate Dean for Student Affairs in advance if he/she is to be accompanied by an attorney or other representative. An attorney or representative may appear only in an advisory capacity and may not address the Appeals Committee. Should

Review wording changes, particularly in regard to 6 year rule; question if a sentence should be added stipulating that Step 1 pass represents the conclusion of the pre-clerkship phase.
Medical Education Program Policy

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1. Policy Statement: Students should be provided with appropriate levels of clinical supervision whenever present in actual clinical settings throughout their medical education. See also the related educational program policy titled “Educational Program Participation by Non-Faculty.”

2. Reason for Policy: This policy is intended to define the expectations for the supervision of medical students functioning in actual clinical settings.

3. Who Should Read this Policy:
   - All school of medicine faculty and TTUHSC El Paso affiliated personnel expected to supervise or work regularly with medical students in actual clinical settings.
   - All medical students

4. Resources: For questions related to this policy, please contact the Office of Medical Education

5. Definitions:
   - Supervisor:
     - Attending physician with a faculty appointment
     - Resident or fellow in a graduate medical education program sponsored by or affiliated with the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine
   - Levels of Supervision:
     - Direct: The supervisor is present in the same location as the learner, is able to provide direct instructions and feedback to the learner, and can take over patient care duties if necessary. Alternatively, a resident physician or another health professional acting within her/his scope of practice may provide direct supervision under the indirect supervision of an attending physician.
6. The Policy: A supervising physician will ensure that medical students are provided with opportunities to learn that are progressive and commensurate with the student’s level of learning. The purpose of this policy is to describe the procedures that should be followed by supervising physicians to ensure that the school adheres to expectations that protect patient and student safety in accordance with LCME Element 9.3:

*A medical school ensures that medical students in clinical learning situations involving patient care are appropriately supervised at all times in order to ensure patient and student safety, that the level of responsibility delegated to the student is appropriate to his or her level of training, and that the activities supervised are within the scope of practice of the supervising health professional.*

Supervisor and/or course directors are responsible for ensuring that this policy is followed and that all individuals who interact with medical students are appropriately trained and credentialed for the associated patient care interaction and setting.

**Expectations of Supervisors:**

a. Model professional behavior in interactions with patients, learners, staff and all other individuals in the health care team.

b. Provide students with graded opportunities for learning that are commensurate with the learner’s level of knowledge and technical skill and address specific learning objectives for the course.

c. Ensure the student is appropriately supervised to ensure patient and student safety according to policies and procedures of the School of Medicine and of the medical facility.

d. Ensure duty schedules permit availability of a supervising physician within a timeframe that is reasonable for the clinical setting. In situations where a supervisor may be off-site, a suitable supervising physician (including resident) must be available and be aware of this expectation.

e. Ensure medical students are aware of expectations for their behavior and of the procedures or other tasks they are permitted to perform according to their level of competence.

f. Ensure medical students have appropriate access to medical records and are aware of their ability to enter information into such records. Note that the specific policies and procedures of each medical facility may vary and any variations should be explained to the medical students.
g. Ensure patients are aware of the status of medical students and that they accept that medical students may participate in their care.

h. Review and confirm information collected by students through history taking, physical examination or other activity on a regular basis and provide feedback that enhances the student’s learning experience.

i. Ensure medical students are fit to perform their duties, particularly in situations where fatigue might be a factor.

j. Complete student assessments in a timely manner, with all assessments completed in time for calculation of final grades.

Expectations of Students:

a. Maintain professional behavior standards with the supervising physician, other members of the medical team, including resident physicians, other health professionals, members of the staff, patients, and any other individuals encountered in the clinical setting.

b. Maintain self-awareness of own competence and seek assistance/advice when clarification is needed.

c. Maintain self-awareness of fatigue levels and inform supervisor if this is a concern.

d. Inform patients and/or family members of their status as a medical student and the name of the supervising physician under whom they are working.

e. Proactively inform the supervising physician or course/clerkship director concerns about levels of supervision (excessive or sub-standard).

f. Complete rotation evaluations in the time specified by the course, clerkship, or the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine.

Interactions with allied health professionals: In situations where learners interact directly with allied health professionals (physician assistants, nurse practitioners, etc.) the supervisor and/or course director is responsible for ensuring that the allied health professional is appropriately credentialed or functioning under the supervision of a credentialed faculty member and is performing tasks that are within his/her scope of practice. The attending faculty member is responsible for the integrity of information and/or clinical procedures. Supervisors should be familiar with the processes for credentialing of non-faculty health professionals and ensure that students are only assigned to those individuals with credentials relevant to the clinical service.

Reporting Concerns:
a. Any student who is concerned about the level of supervision they are receiving should address their concerns as soon as possible with the supervisor and/or course director. Any student who is dissatisfied with the outcome of such a report should report their concerns to the appropriate course/clerkship director, the assistant dean for clinical instruction, the associate dean for medical education, or the associate dean for student affairs.

b. Expressions of concern will be held in strict confidence if possible. However, this may not be possible in situations where student or patient safety may be compromised, illegal activities may have occurred, or other situations needing immediate contact with reporting individuals.

Monitoring: Variances from this policy must be approved by the Curriculum and Educational Policy Committee.
Medical Education Program Policy

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1. **Policy Statement**: The common administrative requirements related to successful participation in the required clinical clerkships by students in years 3 and 4 are published annually in a document titled “Common Clerkship Policies”.

2. **Reason for Policy**: The intention of this policy is to clarify the administrative practices and expectations associated with successful participation in the required clinical clerkships by students in years 3 and 4.

3. **Who Should Read this Policy**:  
   a. All clerkship Directors, Co-Directors and Coordinators.

4. **Resources**: The Assistant Dean for Medical Education for Clinical Instruction and the Year 3-4 Coordinators.

5. **Definitions**:  
   a. “Common”: shared by all members of a group (in this case, the clerkships).

6. **The Policy**: The common administrative requirements related to successful participation in the required clinical clerkships by students in years 3 and 4 are published annually in a document titled “Common Clerkship Policies”. **Students are also responsible for compliance with requirements that are specific to the individual clerkships as outlined in their syllabi.** As long as the changes are non-substantive and relate primarily to the updating of trivial year-specific information (personnel changes, dates, locations, etc. --as reviewed and approved by the Assistant Dean for Medical Education for Clinical Instruction), the Common Clerkship Policies may be re-published for each academic year without review and approval of the CEPC. Any substantive changes are to be presented to the CEPC for review and approval prior to the start of the affected academic year.

7. **Attachments**: The prototype document is attached (“Common Clerkship Requirements” for AY2016-17 approved by the CEPC on 5/16/2016 -- to be re-titled “Common Clerkship Policies” for subsequent academic years).

*Policies are subject to revision. Refer to the Office of Medical Education website or contact the Office of Medical Education to ensure that you are working with the current version.*
1. **Policy Statement:** GME trainees (residents and fellows) who supervise or teach medical students shall be familiar with the learning objectives of the courses and/or clerkships in which they participate, and be prepared for their roles in teaching, supervision, and assessment. In addition, GME trainees will be provided with resources to enhance their skills in these areas.

2. **Reason for Policy:**
   - GME trainees frequently interact with medical students in multiple educational roles and settings.
   - The policy statement reflects an LCME accreditation imperative.

3. **Who Should Read this Policy:**
   - Clerkship directors, assistant directors, and coordinators
   - GME training program directors, assistant directors, and coordinators
   - Chairs of Departments sponsoring GME programs that participate in UME

4. **Resources:**
   - Office of Medical Education, officers and staff
   - Office of Graduate Medical Education, officers and staff
   - Year 3-4 and Clerkship coordinators

5. **Definitions:**
   - GME trainee: residents and fellows participating in PLFSOM affiliated graduate medical education programs.
   - UME participation: interacting with medical students as part of the undergraduate medical education program (specifically including the teaching, supervising, and assessing of medical students).
6. **The Policy:**

- In addition to institutional and school-level programs to generally prepare GME trainees for roles in teaching, supervision, and assessment of other trainees and students, all clinical departments with GME programs that interact with medical students (UME) shall develop a plan for the preparation of their GME trainees that is consistent with the policy statement above.

- These plans shall be:
  - Specific to the department’s UME components and functions
  - Systematic – fulfilling all policy-related expectations on a regular and appropriate cycle
  - Centrally monitored
  - Applicable to all PLFSOM-affiliated GME trainees
  - Based on the attached template
  - Reviewed at least every four years, or as necessary due to changes in UME or GME administration, or due to concerns expressed by the department chair, clerkship director, GME program director, or the Office of Medical Education

7. **Attachments:** “Department Resident and Fellow Preparation Plan” template
Departmental Resident and Fellow Preparation Plan
for participation in PLFSOM UME

Department: ____________________________________________________________

Date proposed: ________________ Date CEPC approved: ______________________

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The department’s system of REQUIRED resident and fellow preparation activities related to participation in the required UME elements (clerkships and selectives) sponsored by the department:

- Specify who is required to participate (i.e., what group or subset of residents and fellows)
- List each activity in a separate row below, add additional rows as necessary

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Other ROUTINE AND SYSTEMATIC processes for disseminating clerkship session or activity-related learning objectives, instructions, and expectations:

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Any OPTIONAL OR SUPPLEMENTAL activities or resources provided to residents by the department to enhance their knowledge and abilities for participation in UME (specifying when and how often they occur, and who is eligible):

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*EPGOs: PLFSOM Education Program Goals and Objectives (updated version published and distributed annually – also publically available through the PLFSOM online academic catalog)

^Fulfillment of required activities and processes must be monitored. In addition, alternative means of fulfillment of required activities and processes should be identified as relevant/necessary. Utilization of optional activities or resources should be monitored when possible.
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1. **Policy Statement:** The attached document entitled “TTUHSC El Paso Paul L. Foster School of Medicine Clerkship Position Description” is hereby confirmed as a medical education program policy. This policy is subsidiary to the Medical Education Program Policy on Clerkship Administration.

2. **Reason for Policy:** This policy clarifies the responsibilities of a Year 3-4 Clerkship Director and, with a secondary level of responsibility, the Assistant Clerkship Directors in Year 3.

3. **This Policy Should be Read by the Following:**
   - All Year 3 clerkship directors and assistant clerkship directors
   - All Year 4 clerkship directors
   - All chairs of departments that administer Year 3 clerkships
   - All clerkship coordinators

4. **Resources:** The Year 3 clerkship directors and assistant directors and Year 4 clerkship directors are supported in their educational program roles by their clerkship coordinators, the Assistant Dean for Medical Education for Clinical Instruction and, more generally, the Office of Medical Education. Compensation to the departments for the time and effort of the clerkship directors and assistant clerkship directors occurs via the school’s EVU (Educational Value Unit) system.

5. **Definitions:**
   - None

6. **The Policy:**
   - See the policy statement above, and the attached documents as described. Assistant clerkship directors shall share these responsibilities, supporting the clerkship director to the extent designated according to the Medical Education Program Policy on Clerkship Administration, and substituting for the clerkship directors whenever necessary.

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TTUHSC El Paso Paul L. Foster School of Medicine Clerkship Director Position Description

The Clerkship Director at the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine is responsible to:

- Design, develop, and implement his/her clerkship consistent with institutional learning objectives and national standards for his/her particular discipline.
- Review, revise, and update curriculum to reflect evolving national standards, institutional learning objectives and discipline-specific standards.
- Collaborate closely with other clerkship directors to identify opportunities for shared teaching and integration across the clinical disciplines, and for revision and updating of combined curriculum.
- Yearly review and preparation of the clerkship syllabus according to standards required by the Curriculum and Educational Policy Committee.
- Maintain ongoing, regular communication with non-salaried faculty in the community regarding clerkship objectives, student assessment expectations, the learning environment and other issues relevant to the clerkship.
- Recruit, prepare, and schedule faculty and residents/fellows who will participate in the delivery of the clerkship curriculum.
- Prepare GME trainees for teaching, including review of objectives and goals of the clerkship, importance of integration, assessment of students, and professionalism expectations in interactions with medical students.
- Provide education on student mistreatment and related policies to students, residents, and faculty in their department.
- Review faculty and resident assessment of student performance and use their collective feedback to fairly and reliably assess student clinical performance.
- Review student evaluations of resident and attending faculty, and counsel faculty and/or residents who receive poor performance evaluations by students (when indicated).
- Manage student concerns/complaints in a timely manner.
- Review student patient encounter logs to ensure that students are on-track for meeting clerkship objectives and provide appropriate alternative ways of achieving objectives if patient contact is not available (e.g., due to the rareness of a required condition, seasonality, etc.).
- Provide students with substantive and documented formative feedback to help the student identify strengths and weaknesses and to establish plans forremedying weaknesses. Formative feedback shall be provided by at least the mid-point of any required clerkships of four weeks or longer in duration.
- Work together and with departmental faculty to create interactive presentations and case scenarios to reinforce critical clinical pearls.
- Develop appropriate cases and assess student performance in the End of Block OSCE, if applicable. Assist in the development and grading of the End of Year OSCEs, if applicable.
- Collect, review, and assemble all data needed to determine a student’s final clerkship grade consistent with the standardized grading policies adopted by the Clerkship Directors.

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Committee.

- For students who require remediation, collaborate with the Grading and Promotions Committee to develop a plan to address gaps and attain the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for the clerkship discipline and the practice of medicine. Monitor and report the outcome of the remediation to the Grading and Promotions Committee.

- Submit student grades in a timely manner – no later than 28 days following the conclusion of the clerkship/course/rotation.

- Advise and mentor students on residency applications, provide letters of support and guide students on their career path.
Develop and maintain a continuous quality improvement plan for the clerkship and contribute to the plan for the clerkship phase as appropriate.

- Participate in monthly Clerkship Directors/Year 3-4 Committee meeting and subcommittees as needed.
- Provide the Assistant Dean for Medical Education (as designated by the Associate Dean for Medical Education) information needed for accreditation and other reporting functions for which they are responsible.
- Collaborate with the Office of Medical Education Unit Manager to supervise the designated clerkship coordinator and provide regular performance feedback and input for the coordinator’s annual evaluation.

The clerkship director and assistant director report to the Assistant Dean for Medical Education (as designated by the Associate Dean for Medical Education) regarding these educational program administration roles. The same basic educational program responsibilities also apply to the required Year 4 clerkship/course directors. While regular participation in the Year 3-4 Committee by the Year 4 clerkship/course directors is highly encouraged, formal expectations of participation shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Year 3-4 Committee Chair, and participation may be required for selected committee or subcommittee meetings depending upon the agenda.

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Policy Name: Clerkship Administration

Policy Domain: Clerkship administration

Refers to LCME Element(s): 4.1, 5.5, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3 (all indirectly related)

Approval Authority: Curriculum and Educational Policy Committee

Adopted: 7/11/2016

Date Last Reviewed: 12/13/2018

Responsible Executive: Associate Dean for Medical Education

Date Last Revised: 1/14/2019

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1. **Policy Statement:** After review and input from the dean, the department chairs, and the Year 3-4 Committee, the organizational chart for clerkship administration from the attached page entitled “Clerkship Administration”, including the recommended EVU allocations, have been adopted as a policy by the CEPC.

2. **Reason for Policy:** Clarification of Year 3 and 4 clerkship administration, including allocations of EVU support for clerkship directors and assistant directors.

3. **Who Should Read this Policy:**
   - Clerkship directors and assistant directors
   - Chairs of the clinical departments that administer Year 3 and 4 clerkships
   - PLFSOM EVU system administrators

4. **Resources:**

5. **Definitions:**
   - Clerkship director: see Medical Education Program Policy entitled “Clerkship Director Position Description”

6. **The Policy:**
   See policy statement above and the attached page entitled “Clerkship Administration Org Chart”. The allocation of time to perform clerkship duties for required YR 3-4 Clerkships and Courses is outlined below.
   - **Required Year 3 Clerkships**
     - Positions designated and FTE split determined jointly by the relevant Department Chair and the Associate Dean for Medical Education
     - **a.** 0.76 FTE (w/adjusted cap), split with Clerkship Director at 0.43 FTE or greater.
     - **b.** One or two Assistant Directors can be appointed with a minimum FTE of 0.1 each.

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2. Once class size expansion to 150 is complete (projected to occur in AY 2027-2028):
   a. 1.0 FTE (w/adjusted cap) split with Clerkship Director at 0.5 FTE or greater
   b. One or two Assistant Directors can be appointed with a minimum of 0.1 FTE each
       c. Combined total of Clerkship Director + Assistant Directors not to exceed 1.0 FTE

b.3. If no Assistant Clerkship Director is appointed, then the cap is 0.5 FTE for Clerkship Director

- Required Year 4 Clerkships
  1. AY 2022-2023 – EM and Neurology are transitioning to 3rd year and in future years, they will not be required in 4th year although elective offerings will continue in these disciplines.
1. 0.5 FTE for Clerkship Director in each

ii. Sub Internship Selectives
   1. 0.3 FTE for Clerkship Director in each of 5 selects

iii. Critical Care selectives
   1. 0.2 FTE for each of 6 selects

iv. Bootcamp 2 week required course
   1. 0.7 total 0.5 total FTE split between 2 co-directors
   2. Suggest that this increase to 0.8 FTE total once class size expansion is complete.

For any department with a Year 3 clerkship for which an assistant clerkship director has not been designated per this policy, EVU compensation for the clerkship director will be calculated at 0.5 FTE (capped as per the PLFSOM EVU policy).

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  Internship in Medicine, Surgery, OBGY and allied branches 12/2010-02/2012

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- Texas Tech Health Science Center El Paso 09/2019 – Present
  a. Co PI Clinical Trial
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  a. Impact of dialysis modality education in pre ESRD population
  b. Meta- Analysis on effect of Denosumab in ESRD and renal transplant patients
- Mount Auburn Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, MA 03/2015-05/2015
  Quantitative and qualitative study of hospital readmission through patient’s perspective
- Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA 08/2014-12/2014
  Novel Drug discovery in Multiple myeloma and Waldenstrom’s macroglobinemia
- Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA 02/2012-06/2013
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Teaching activities
1. General Internal Medicine Statewide Preceptorship Program (GIMSPP) Preceptor – 2021 – present
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Patent:
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Publications (Peer Reviewed Journals):


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Poster Presentations:

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7. Anagnostou T, Acharya P, Caughey T Pancoast tumor: A Late Diagnosis of Severe Thoracic Outlet Syndrome. Massachusetts Medical Society Annual meeting, October 2015


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20. Torres A, Acharya P, Suarez M, Craici I, Cheungpasitporn W Successful Treatment of Tuberculosis-Associated Hypercalcemia with Denosumab in a Patient with Acute Kidney Injury American Society of Nephrology October, 2018


Membership of Professional Societies:
1) American Society of Nephrology (ASN)
2) National Kidney Foundation (NKF)
3) Southwest Renal Society

Reviewer
1) Therapeutic Apheresis and Dialysis
2) Scientific Reports, a Nature Research journal
3) Journal of Clinical Medicine

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