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Welcome to Care Across the Life Cycle at Gundersen Health System!

On behalf of the departments of Geriatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Pediatrics as well as Medical Education, we welcome you to Care Across the Life Cycle (CALC). We are excited that you will be spending your twelve-week block with us here at GHS.

This block truly embraces the entire life cycle from pregnancy, child birth and all the way through geriatric care. As three very different clinical worlds come together in this block, it is important to familiarize yourself with the section leaders for CALC. Dr. Mary Bassing will be your section leader for Geriatrics. Dr. Ken Merkitch is the leader for OB/Gyn, and Dr. Lori Weber is leading Pediatrics. If you have any questions or concerns that arise during your time on the sub-blocks do not hesitate to reach to them, myself, or Pam Schneider in Medical Education.

I also encourage you to familiarize yourself with the course materials for all three branches of these experiences. Please make sure that you have read through all of the orientation materials at this website as well at Canvas prior to your first day with us.

The goals and objectives for CALC are the same here as they are at the main campus in Madison. You will have the opportunity to experience the same case-based educational series as your colleagues across the state.

You will be exposed to broad array of clinical experiences here at GHS and will see patients in various settings across the life cycle ranging from labor and childbirth all the way through end of life geriatric topics. We are pleased to offer you the opportunity to explore one of these fields in more depth in continuity clinics that will span the twelve weeks. For our WARM learners, you will be spending your continuity time at one of our WARM regional clinics (Sparta, Tomah, or Viroqua.) For our traditional track students, this time will be spent at the main Gundersen Campus.

Finally, you will have the opportunity to explore the maternal-child dyad in depth, and you will have the chance to see this dynamic “behind the scenes” from labor until discharge and study the care that goes on beyond the physician’s world. During that week you will select a topic to study in more depth that impacts maternal and infant health alike and will have an opportunity to teach your peers what you have learned at our maternal-child symposium.

We hopeful that this will be a memorable twelve weeks full of experiential learning that will broaden your knowledge base and expose you to a broad array of clinical and educational experiences. Please do not hesitate to contact if any questions, concerns or needs arise.

Sincerely,

Kelly Hodgson Kline, MD
Care Across the Life Cycle Block Leader