

NEUROLOGY CHRONIC AND PREVENTATIVE CARE

Course Objectives

- Perform a thorough neurologic history emphasizing the character of symptoms, their mode of onset, duration and evolution
- Perform a complete basic neurologic exam including tests of mental status, cranial nerves (including fundoscopic exam), motor and sensory function, coordination, reflexes and gait
- Synthesize the results of the history and neurologic exam using anatomic localization and generate a differential diagnosis and treatment plan

Orientation

- You will meet with Dr. Mary Goodsett on the first day for orientation to the neurology department. The time and location will be provided by medical education
- She will review at this time how to do a basic neurologic exam

Necessary Supplies

- Stethoscope (supply your own), 128 Hz tuning fork (supplied), reflex hammer (supplied)
- Appropriate professional attire includes short white coat with name tag visible, no open toed shoes, men wear collared shirt and neck tie and women if skirts worn to the knees or below with modest tops

Daily Duties

- You will be spending ½ day at a time with different providers in the neuroscience department primarily staff neurologist but also associate staff. An attempt will be made for exposure to multiple clinic settings including General Neurology Clinic as well as subspecialty clinics including Neuromuscular, Movement Disorders, Memory, Multiple Sclerosis and EMG
- Whenever possible do a chart review on the patients you will be seeing prior to the start of the clinic. Familiarize yourself with the patient diagnoses you will be seeing
- Depending on patient factors students should have the opportunity to do at least part of the history or exam on each new patient
- When possible students will be allowed to see patients first
- You should expect to write a progress note on one new patient per half day. Discuss with staff the most appropriate patient. Ask for feedback from staff on the note. Try not to use the staff note as a “template”. Attempt to write your own note
- Every Wednesday from 8-9 attend the Neuroradiology/Neurology Conference in Conference Room A on the third floor of the East Building

If your assigned staff are not available (due to illness etc) contact Lisa Collins department secretary at 775-2469 for an assignment with a different provider