

Substance Abuse Services

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Expectations for Medical Students

1. We will meet on 5C – room C545 every day at 9:00am unless otherwise specified. This will be our primary time for chart rounds and discussion.
 - To find this room – take the C elevators (garden zone elevators) to the 5th floor and look for 541C. That door leads back to room C545. It is currently unlocked, but if it is locked you can call Hillary or Carrie on the courtesy phone across the hall and they will meet you there.
 - You will be oriented to the service, including a tour of the facilities and review of procedures.
 - Your interests and expectations will be discussed. You will be encouraged to develop learning objectives for yourself as they relate to substance abuse.
2. Readings will be assigned and discussed.
3. Initially, you will be expected to observe the assessment and treatment process, then gradually perform the skills that are required yourself. This includes: conducting a substance abuse assessment on both adolescents and adults, presenting that evaluation to the faculty with your reasoning, diagnosis, and treatment plan, providing feedback to the patient, and initiating and conducting psychotherapy to address the substance abuse issues.
4. You will be expected to either present on a topic of interest in the area of Substance Abuse or develop educational/awareness raising information for patients.
5. You will be expected to attend an open 12-step meeting.
6. You will be expected to provide a chart/handout outlining the various classes of substances including information on intoxication and withdrawal, and treatment of these states.

Evaluation

By the end of your clerkship you will be expected to:

1. Understand and be able to discuss the current thought on the development, course, and treatment of substance use disorders.
2. Be able to conduct a comprehensive substance abuse evaluation.
3. Be able to conduct a psychotherapy session to address substance abuse issues.
4. Be aware of and demonstrate the skills of Motivational Interviewing.
5. Be aware of and discuss the various treatment options available for the substance-abusing patient.
6. Be aware of the psychiatric, medical, and psychosocial consequences of substance use disorders.

You will be rated on the following:

1. Interviewing and therapeutic skills
2. Knowledge and clinical reasoning
3. Presentation of cases
4. Diagnostic and treatment planning abilities
5. Self-directed learning