

PSYCHIATRY SUBINTERNSHIP YEAR 4

Clerkship Directors: Ruth M. Lamdan, MD

Clerkship Duration: 4 weeks

Medical students will achieve the following competencies:

- Interview, diagnose and manage a suicidal patient, a patient with acutely disturbed behavior, a patient with psychosis, as well as a patient with substance abuse intoxication or withdrawal
- Ability to admit and follow at least four acutely ill patients at all times
- Ability to follow at least two patients on an extended acute unit
- Fulfill all of the duties expected of a PGY1

Students are required to do a one-month subinternship in Year 4. It may be taken in inpatient family medicine, medicine, surgery, obstetrics/gynecology, psychiatry or pediatrics. While all subinternships are structured slightly differently, major objectives are to provide medical students with increased responsibility for patient care under close supervision, gain a better understanding of how a hospital functions, become more closely engaged in administrative and social aspects of inpatient care such as discharge planning, and refine basic skills introduced in the Year 3 clerkships.

Students take this subinternship either at TUH-Episcopal Campus or at Allegheny General Hospital if they are West Penn clinical campus students. During this four week inpatient rotation, they are assigned at least four patients on an acute inpatient unit under the direct supervision of an attending psychiatrist or a senior resident. They assume all management responsibilities of a first year psychiatry resident which may include: perform initial evaluations, develop treatment plans, write initial history and physical documentation, follow-up notes, work within multidisciplinary team meeting structure, interact with families, develop disposition plans, dictate discharge summaries, etc. They are expected to take on call duty shifts once per week in the manner that PGY1s do at their facility and follow all post-call duty hour restrictions. In addition, like PGY1s, they assume a supervisory role over the third year clerks on the rotation, once they become accommodated to their own graduated level of responsibility.