

Categorical Track

Ambulatory Care Curriculum 2006-2007



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EMORY INTERNAL MEDICINE-CATEGORICAL TRACK

Outpatient Experiences & Ambulatory Core Curriculum

Didactic Topics

Evidence-Based Medicine
Prevention
Psychosocial Topics
 Ethics
 Medical Interviewing
 Delivering Bad News
 Cross Cultural Medicine
Women's Health
Episodic Illnesses
Business of Medicine
Psychiatry
Management of Chronic
 Diseases
Process Improvement
Continuous Quality
 Improvement

Medical Subspecialty Clinics

Rheumatology
Endocrinology
Diabetes
Cardiology
Hematology
Gastroenterology
Oncology
Flexible Sigmoidoscopy
Infectious Disease
HIV
General Medicine
Asthma/Allergy
Geriatrics
Special OB Clinic
Pre-Op Clinic
Pulmonary
Renal
Travel Clinic
Women's Clinic

Non-IM Clinics

Orthopedics
Gynecology
Adolescent Medicine
Dermatology
Occupational Medicine
Ophthalmology
Neurology
Otolaryngology
Breast Clinic
Pain Clinic
Radiology
Podiatry

Procedure Clinics

Flexible Sigmoidoscopy
PFT lab
Stress Testing
Joint Injection

Typical PGY-1 Week on the Ambulatory Block					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM Clinic	Grady Primary Care Center	Didactics	Didactics	Subspecialty Clinic	Grady Primary Care Center
<i>Noon Conference 12-1pm (Ambulatory Core Curriculum from 12:30-1:30 on Continuity Clinic Day)</i>					
PM Clinic	Subspecialty Clinic	Grady Primary Care Center	Grady Primary Care Center	Subspecialty Clinic	Subspecialty Clinic

Subspecialty Clinic: Chosen from the preceding list; requests are encouraged. Interns who have a career interest in a particular subspecialty are particularly encouraged to request time to spend in that subspecialty's outpatient clinics.

Continuity Care Clinic: ½ day per week throughout residency; Ambulatory Core Curriculum over lunch stressing core issues in ambulatory medicine.

Didactics: A planned curriculum of workshops and conferences emphasizing experiential (“hands-on”) learning addresses the skills, knowledge, and attitudes related to outpatient medicine. The conferences cover preventive medicine, episodic illnesses, management of chronic diseases, critical appraisal of the literature (e.g., diagnostic studies and outcomes research), medical ethics, and medical psychiatry. Two half-days per week are devoted to this curriculum. Interns may also attend the regularly scheduled noon conferences at Grady Hospital, the central

site of the primary care rotation. Also, the program directors have a monthly breakfast with each group on the ambulatory block to discuss programmatic issues affecting the residents' learning experiences and daily lives.

Grady Primary Care Center: Four half days per week allow residents to schedule their own patients in quick follow-up for urgent issues, procedures (pap smears, flex-sigs), post-discharge follow-up, and counseling sessions, to acquire new patients for their practices. They also provide residents the opportunity to see "same-day sick" patients of the practice in order to gain skill in acute issues in ambulatory care. A weekly Case Conference enhances this learning by emphasizing physical exam skills and other issues related to urgent care.

Typical PGY-2 or PGY-3 Week on an Ambulatory Block Month					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM Clinic	Subspecialty Clinic	Grady Primary Care Center	Grady Primary Care Center	Didactics	Subspecialty Clinic
<i>Noon Conference 12-1pm (Ambulatory Core Curriculum from 12:30-1:30 on Continuity Clinic Day)</i>					
PM Clinic	Subspecialty Clinic	Grady Primary Care Center	Grady Primary Care Center	Subspecialty Clinic	Subspecialty Clinic

Typical PGY-2 Week on Combined Ambulatory Block/Elective Research Option					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM Clinic	Subspecialty Clinic	Grady Primary Care Center	Grady Primary Care Center	Didactics	Subspecialty Clinic
<i>Noon Conference 12-1pm (Ambulatory Core Curriculum from 12:30-1:30 on Continuity Clinic Day)</i>					
PM Clinic	Research	Research	Research	Research	Research

Ambulatory Care for PGY-2/PGY-3 Categorical Residents: The upper-level ambulatory block rotations continue to stress training in both medical and non-medical specialties as well as approximately 40% time in an acute care setting, the Grady Primary Care Center. Individuals may request specific clinics, whether general medicine or subspecialty clinics related to future career directions, through the Associate Program Director. Thursday mornings are reserved for advanced experiential workshops related to ambulatory care as well as higher-level evidence-based medicine and business of medicine workshops.

PGY-2 Combined Ambulatory Block/Elective Research Option: Interested residents are able to pair their elective months with their ambulatory block months in order to establish more longitudinal research projects in their desired subspecialty. In addition to having 50% of your time over a two-month period available for research, residents are able to attend the clinic in their research subspecialty, thus connecting the clinical and research work in that area. Residents also will spend two-half days per week in each of the months in the Grady Primary Care Center (one of which is their regular continuity clinic) and one half-day per week in didactics.

Sample Didactic PGY-2/3 Workshops:

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| Chest Radiography | Dysfunctional Uterine Bleeding | Joint Injections |
| Reading Peripheral Smears | Hormone Replacement Therapy | Domestic Violence |
| Non-Invasive Stress Testing | Use of PDAs in Medicine | Bioterrorism |
| Advanced EKG Reading | End-of-Life Workshop | Virtual Dermatology |
| Screening in Primary Care | Adolescent Medicine | Adult Immunizations |