

LONGITUDINAL COURSE IN CLINICAL MEDICINE - # ME725M.J.

Held in the Spring Semester for all M.D.-Ph.D. students and medical students who are resuming clerkships

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This seven week course is designed to help students maintain their clinical skills while away from clinical medicine, and/or to refresh clinical skills after a hiatus following their introduction to clinical medicine courses or clinical clerkships. This course may be particularly useful for those students (M.D.-Ph.D. students among others) who are beginning their transition back to full-time clinical clerkships following a protracted period of non-clinical pursuits.

There are three aspects to this course:

1. A weekly plenary session at BWH begins with a re-introduction to the clinical history and physical exam, and is followed in subsequent weeks by interactive case discussions presenting common clinical problems (e.g. fever, chest pain, abdominal pain, renal failure).
2. One morning per week, each student attends the "clinical work rounds" with a specific General Medical Service Team at BWH. These daily rounds expose the student to inpatient clinical management. Immediately following rounds, the students will be assigned a patient from that service to "work-up" for subsequent discussion with a clinical preceptor.
3. Within a day or so after participating in work rounds, the students (usually in groups of two) meet with a clinical preceptor to present, examine and discuss the patients whom they have evaluated.

Students are encouraged to take full advantage of the course and participate in all three aspects. However, the course can be taken in a modular fashion if necessary due to competing priorities.

EVALUATION

Based on: written histories, physical examinations, oral presentations, participation in case discussions, formulation of diagnostic and management plans.

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