Y34 Geriatrics
Course ID: MED 797Q/997Q
Discipline: Medicine
Prerequisites: 8 or more weeks of core clerkships.
Available Sites: Saginaw
Duration: 2 or 4 weeks

Description
The purpose of the Geriatrics rotation is to prepare the student to recognize and treat commonly encountered problems in the geriatric population and to become familiar with the approach to work up and management of geriatric related disorders. Students will also learn when it is appropriate to initiate a referral to a Geriatrician.

Key Objectives

- Describe the clinical features, physiology and treatment of aging and common geriatric disorders, such as cognitive disorders, dementia, care of the frail elderly, and gait and behavioral disturbances.
- Describe current best practices in geriatric health maintenance.
- Understand how the process of aging affects medication use in the elderly.
- Complete a comprehensive geriatric consultation.
- Describe key elements of managing the geriatric patient, including the frail geriatric patient.
- Observe and perform testing used for geriatric assessments.
- Communicate with primary care physicians as a consultant.
- Communicate effectively with patients and their families.
- Demonstrate respect and compassion for all patients.
- Demonstrate a commitment to professional responsibilities and adherence to ethical principles.

Assessment Method
College of Medicine standard elective assessment will be completed by supervising faculty at conclusion of elective clerkship.

Scheduling Information
Interested students should contact CMU College of Medicine Department of Distributed Clinical Education at CMEDDCE@cmich.edu.