Y34 Psychiatry – Child and Adolescent Inpatient

**Course ID:** MED 797BJ/997BJ
**Discipline:** Medicine
**Prerequisites:** MED 830 Psychiatry Clerkship; MED 850 Pediatrics Clerkship
**Available Sites:** Saginaw
**Duration:** 4 weeks

**Description**
The purpose of the psychiatry elective rotation is to educate the student regarding the principles and skills underlying the recognition and management of common psychiatric disorders in children and adolescents, age 8 to 17 years of age. The student will be exposed to a wide range of child and adolescent psychopathology. The student participates as part of the multidisciplinary team in the evaluation and treatment of children, adolescents and their families. Students will become familiar with diagnostic techniques for psychiatric disorders including anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, conduct disorders, substance abuse, suicidality, autistic disorders, learning disabilities and trauma related disorders. Students also will learn techniques of working with complex presentations and family dynamics.

**Key Objectives**
- Students must demonstrate knowledge regarding clinical and cognitive (epidemiologic and social/behavioral) sciences and the application of this knowledge in the direct patient care of children and adolescents with psychiatric and cognitive disturbances.
- To increase acuity in clinical judgment.
- To understand the difference in symptomatology between children, adolescents and adults.
- To become proficient in the evaluation and mental status examination of the child psychiatric patient
- To increase knowledge of child development and consider all contributing influences that shape a child’s behavior: genetic, social, and systemic.
- To develop proficiency in medication and psychotherapeutic treatment strategies.
- To develop awareness of the structured diagnostic tests (CBCL, Conners, CDI etc)
- To develop and document treatment plans.
- Students will be involved in the direct care of children and adolescents with psychiatric and cognitive disturbances.
- Understand the contribution and impact of family dynamics on child and adolescent patient presentations
- Understand the contribution and impact of school experiences and peer relationships on child and adolescent patient presentations
- Understand and describe the classifications of psychotropic medications and appropriate uses in child and adolescent patients.
- Understand behavioral modification approaches, parent management approaches, therapy alternatives that apply to patient treatment in conjunction with medication or as the sole treatment.
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.