

INTERNAL MEDICINE

Course name: Acting Internship in Internal Medicine

LSU Residency:

Internal Medicine Residency, OUHC, Lafayette

Pre-requisite:

Successful completion of the junior clerkship year

Duration: 4 weeks

Availability: All senior blocks except block 7

Number of students: 2 student at each per block

Objective & Means of Implementation:

The Internal Medicine Senior Acting Internship (AI) allows the senior student to function as an integral member of a clinical team responsible for inpatient and outpatient care of ill patients in a setting which will closely simulate their expected experience as house officers. This experience will be under the supervision of house officers and faculty at Ochsner University Hospital and Clinics. The participating hospital will establish criteria for student supervision recognizing that there may be minor variations in the level of clinical responsibility permitted to the student. In general, students will be regarded as interns with the limitation that their patient care activities are under the continuous supervision of responsible and qualified physicians.

In this setting, students are expected to perfect their skills in diagnosis, the handling of patients with specific emphasis on formulation of plans for management, refine techniques for the writing of appropriate orders for all phases of inpatient and outpatient care, prescription writing, and the performance of diagnostic invasive procedures such as lumbar puncture, thoracentesis, paracentesis, bone marrow aspiration, etc. In each instance, the determination of need for these procedures must have prior approval by appropriate responsible physicians. Immediate supervision by a physician is imperative whenever such a procedure is undertaken.

During this time, students will broaden their fund of knowledge in general Internal Medicine with the opportunity to fill in those areas where they may feel a need for additional learning. This educational process will be assisted by appropriate conferences conducted by faculty of the department, guided reading, and the utilization of appropriate teaching aids available in each of the hospital programs.

At the conclusion of this block, the Department of Medicine will have provided all students with the basic fund of knowledge required for a foundation in clinical medicine. Students will be expected to build upon this foundation by continued self-education during the remainder of their medical school curriculum, during subsequent years of training as a house officer, and during their professional life as practicing physicians.

Method of Evaluation:

The attending staff on the team will complete a final evaluation through New Innovations.