

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

SUB-INTERNSHIP IN ACUTE, INPATIENT ADULT PSYCHIATRY

Course Director: Maria Victoria Paz, MD

Duration: 4 Weeks

GOALS

To build on core interviewing skills such as initiating the interview, establishing rapport, and managing the interview. Students will be able to recognize the psychiatric disorders frequently encountered in medical/surgical settings, such as anxiety, depression, delirium, dementia, and substance abuse.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives for this elective are:

- To learn more about the general field of adult psychiatry
- To understand how psychiatric/psychological issues may present on an acute adult psychiatric inpatient unit
- To understand the work-up for the differential diagnoses of the major presentations of acute psychiatric admissions
- To understand how care on an adult inpatient unit is managed
- To understand the diagnostic criteria for mood disorders, psychotic disorders, severe personality disorders, acute stress and post-traumatic disorders, and substance abuse disorders
- To understand the psychopharmacology, including dosing, side effects, and mechanism of actions of first-line medications, with regards to above diagnoses
- To develop basic assessing and counseling families of acutely, psychiatrically disturbed adults

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Students will be able to elicit a complete psychiatric history and develop comfort with screening for sensitive issues. Student will develop proficiency in performing the mental status examination and communicating their findings in written and oral formats. They will also understand the circumstances when a focused physical or neurological exam is warranted.

DIDACTIC EXPERIENCE

In addition to caring for a selected caseload under close attending supervision, the student will also assist the ER resident in the Psych ER two evening per week from 4 - 8 PM. The student will also attend PGY1&2 classes, case conferences, and weekly Grand Rounds.

EVALUATION METHODS

The faculty supervisor will evaluate the student's theoretical knowledge, clinical competence and professional conduct on the basis of their performance during the clinical elective. For more information about your evaluation, please visit your school web page.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in applying, please call 516-572-5399 or visit us at www.numc.edu