

Psychiatry Clerkship (PSY CL)

PS 300, 5 weeks

The Psychiatry clerkship is five weeks long and consists of opportunities to see patients in hospital-based and ambulatory settings, as well as the emergency mental health. An integrative model is stressed, emphasizing the biologic, psychological, social and behavioral aspects of treatment.

Clerkship didactics involve case-based teaching sessions and presentations. In addition, students complete independent learning modules.-

After the Psychiatry Clerkship, the MS3 will be able to:

- Recognize, evaluate, and offer treatment for common psychiatric conditions: mood disorders, delirium, anxiety disorders, psychosis, substance use, personality disorders, among others (Physician as a Professional, Communicator and Scientist)
- Recognize and evaluate common psychiatric emergencies including suicidality (Physician as a Professional and Communicator)
- Conduct psychiatric interview & mental status exam (Physician as a Clinical Problem Solver, Communicator and Scientist)
- Describe indications for different treatment modalities (psychotherapy, psychotropic medications, neuromodulation) (Physician as a Scientist and Clinical Problem Solver)
- Employ bio-psycho-social formulation that demonstrates developmental and cultural understanding (Physician as a Communicator, Scientist, Advocate and Professional)
- Assess capacity to refuse treatment (Physician as a Clinical Problem Solver, Professional, Scientist, and Advocate)
- Develop comfort discussing difficult topics, sexual function, sexual trauma, spiritual beliefs, suicidal thoughts, treatment refusal, violent thoughts, psychiatric hospitalization (Physician as a Clinical Problem Solver and Scientist)

Assessment includes participation in group learning and patient care teams, written assignments, an NBME multiple-choice exam and OSCE encounters.

Clerkship Directors:

Anya Bernstein, MD - Clerkship Director

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