

Course Director	James Byrd, MD, MPH
Location	VA Outpatient Clinic, Morehead City, NC
Duration	4 weeks

Course Goal(s)	To expose students to medical problems commonly seen in ambulatory general internal medicine. To refine clinical skills. To enhance clinical reasoning skills.
Educational Objectives	<p>At the completion of the rotation the students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognized and manage illnesses commonly encountered by general internists in the office setting 2. Identify issues appropriate to each clinic visit 3. Interpret clinical, laboratory, imaging and other diagnostic imaging and assess their priority for the patient 4. Develop an appropriate management plan for each problem 5. Develop expertise in chronic disease management and preventive medicine 6. Communicate effectively with patients and their families 7. Communicate effectively with members of the health care team and appropriately utilize their skills 8. Demonstrate effective record keeping 9. Participate in practice-based and systems-based improvement activities 10. Recognized the value of a medical home for patients with complex medical problems.
Course Readings	<p>The following materials will be used; assignments will be as individualized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Ambulatory Medicine. Barker, et al, editors • Bates Guide to Physical Examination and History Taking. Bickelyl, et al, editors • Essentials of Musculoskeletal Care. Snider, et al, editors • Primary Care Medicine: Office Evaluation and Management of the Adult Patient. Goroll, et al, editors • Up-to-Date electronic textbook
Course Activities/Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambulatory care in the office setting, Moye Medical or VA Clinics • Applying clinical skills by seeing patients independently and presenting to faculty preceptors • Teaching M1-2 students in Doctoring and Clinical Skills • Participating in an academic half day each week to explore and refine clinical reasoning skills
On Call Requirements	<p>Standard hours will be Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm</p> <p>The student will have one half day off per week for professional development</p> <p>The student will have weekly clinical reasoning reading assignments.</p>
Student Performance & Assessment	Students will receive regular feedback on their observed performance interacting with patients, physicians and office staff. A summative clinical evaluation will be provided at the end of the rotation. The grade will be determined by evaluation of the student's clinical work, and other assignments a observed by the preceptor
Other Info	