

PALLIATIVE CARE AND HOSPICE

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LOCATIONS

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DESCRIPTION

Fellows will participate in the inpatient palliative care consult service at GLA VA. The primary clinical responsibility of the trainee during this rotation will be to see new and follow-up inpatient referrals daily under supervision of the palliative care attending physician and in collaboration with the interdisciplinary team. The members of the inpatient palliative care team are the attending physician, social worker, palliative medicine fellow, chaplain, RN and Internal Medicine resident. The inpatient team may be consulted for a variety of different issues including (not limited to) pain and symptom management, decision-making, goals of care, and inpatient and outpatient hospice referrals.

On this rotation you will participate in, or may lead, a family goals of care discussion. If you do lead a family goals of care discussion, your attending and members of the interdisciplinary team will join the meeting to support you. After leading a family meeting PLEASE NOTIFY JENNIFER AYALA WHICH ATTENDING WAS PRESENT SO THAT AN EVALUATION FORM (Mini CEX) MAY BE COMPLETED BY YOUR ATTENDING. In order for your attending to fill out a Mini CEX form, the family meeting must be directly observed by your attending.

Goals and Objectives:

1. Develop communication skills with patient and families in the course of serious illness, including an understanding of developing goals of care discussions
2. Learn skills in palliative care evaluation and assessment, including pain and non-pain symptoms
3. Identify signs and symptoms of impending death
4. Recognize and respond to family and caregiver needs for psychosocial support, grief, and spiritual counseling
5. Develop a working knowledge of opioid equi-analgesic dosing
6. Demonstrate skill in professional consultation communications and interdisciplinary team care

OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVES	COMPETENCIES					
	Patient Care	Medical Knowledge	Practice Based Learning	Interpersonal Communication Skills	Professionalism	Systems Based Practice
1. Develop communication skills with patient and families in the course of serious illness, including an understanding of developing goals of care discussions	X	X	X	X	X	
2. Learn skills in palliative care evaluation and assessment, including pain and non-pain symptoms	X	X	X	X		X
3. Identify signs and symptoms of impending death	X	X				
4. Recognize and respond to family and caregiver needs for psychosocial support, grief, and spiritual counseling	X	X		X	X	X
5. Develop a working knowledge of opioid equi-analgesic dosing	X	X				
6. Demonstrate skill in professional consultation communications and interdisciplinary team care				X	X	X

COMPETENCIES

	Patient Care	Medical Knowledge	Practice Based Learning	Interpersonal Communication Skills	Professionalism	Systems Based Practice
TEACHING METHODS	Role Modeling, Discussion on rounds, Medical literature, discussion at interdisciplinary team meetings	Medical literature, discussion on rounds, discussion at interdisciplinary team meetings	Discussion on rounds, discussion at interdisciplinary team meetings	Role modeling, discussion at interdisciplinary team meetings	Role modeling, discussion on rounds, discussion at interdisciplinary team meetings	Role modeling, discussion on rounds, discussion at interdisciplinary team meetings
METHOD OF EVALUATION	chart review, attending evaluation	attending evaluation, chart review	chart review, attending evaluation	attending evaluation	attending evaluation	attending evaluation, chart review

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM	VA Greater Los Angeles Room 2057	VA Greater Los Angeles Room 2057 (or continuity clinic)	VA Greater Los Angeles Room 2057 (or continuity clinic)	VA Greater Los Angeles Room 2057	JC or Geri Grand Rounds (8-9am) VA Greater Los Angeles Room 2057	VA Greater Los Angeles Room 2057 Time to be discussed with attending
PM	VA Greater Los Angeles Room 2057	VA Greater Los Angeles Room 2057	VA Greater Los Angeles Room 2057	VA Greater Los Angeles Room 2057 Thursday Lecture Series (3-5pm)	VA Greater Los Angeles Room 2057	

Additional Responsibilities

- The fellow will round with the inpatient palliative care team on weekends
- The fellow will attend their weekly continuity clinic on Tuesday or Wednesday morning
- The fellow will attend Journal Club or Geriatric Grand Rounds (Virtually) on Friday mornings at 8am
- The fellow will participate in a once monthly continuity longitudinal nursing home visit for half a day and attempt to choose a time that works best for all involved