

WLA Acute Geriatrics Team (AGT)

Goals and Objectives

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LOCATION

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DESCRIPTION

The WLA Acute Geriatrics Team is an interprofessional acute service for acutely ill community dwelling elderly veterans of age 70 or older. The goals of the team include prevention of hospital acquired disability by assessing mobility and promoting appropriate physical activity to mitigate fall risk, preventing, identifying and treating delirium, and improving older adults' transitions of care. In addition to providing training for geriatric fellows, the AGT also serves as a training site for medical residents and students; psychology interns; pharmacy, optometry and dental residents.

GOALS

1. To implement the geriatric assessment on all of our new patients
2. To develop an evidence-based medicine skillset applied to in patient geriatric medicine
3. To assess and promote mobility in older adults to prevent hospital acquired disability and falls.
4. To participate in interdisciplinary team care to improve care for our patients.
5. To guide goals of care meetings to align with our patients' goals in the context of the medical condition.
6. To prevent, identify and treat delirium in an evidence-based manner.
7. To minimize issues with transitions of care and ensure safe transitions for our patients.
8. For the geriatric medicine fellow, to lead the inpatient geriatric team, particularly as a specialist in geriatrics, transitions of care and communication with the interdisciplinary team and patient.

OBJECTIVES	COMPETENCIES					
	Patient Care	Medical Knowledge	Practice Based Learning	Systems Based Practice	Interpersonal Communication Skills	Professionalism
To implement the geriatric assessment on all of our new patients	x	x	x		x	
To develop an evidence-based medicine skillset applied to in patient geriatric medicine	x	x	x		x	x

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To assess and promote mobility in older adults to prevent hospital acquired disability and falls.	x	x	x	x	x	
To participate in interdisciplinary team care to improve care for our patients.	x	x	x	x	x	x
To guide goals of care meetings to align with our patients' goals in the context of the medical condition.	x	x	x	x	x	x
To prevent, identify and treat delirium in an evidence-based manner.	x	x	x	x	x	x
To minimize issues with transitions of care and ensure safe transitions for our patients.	x	x	x	x	x	x
For the geriatric medicine fellow, to lead the in-patient geriatric team, particularly as a specialist in geriatrics, transitions of care and communication with the interdisciplinary team and patient.	x	x	x	x	x	x

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TEACHING METHODS	Role modeling, rounds, IDR rounds, medical literature, lectures, faculty feedback	Didactics, rounds, IDR rounds, meetings, medical literature, faculty feedback	Consultant evaluation Team Discussions Bedside rounding on rounds and at IP team meetings, faculty feedback	Didactics, discussions on rounds and multi-disciplinary team meetings, including daily dispo rounds	Role modeling, faculty feedback, multi-disciplinary team feedback	Role modeling, faculty feedback, multi-disciplinary team feedback
METHOD OF EVALUATION	Chart review, evaluations by faculty, learners and IP team members	Faculty evaluation , chart review, evaluation of lectures	Chart review, evaluation by faculty, learners and Interprofessional team members	Evaluation by faculty, learners, and IP team members	Evaluation by faculty, learners, and IP team members	Evaluation by Faculty, learners and IP team members

Daily Schedule

TIME	MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
7:00-7:45AM	Night float sign out / Preround	Preround	Preround
7:45-8:00AM	Dispo Rounds*		
8:00-9:15AM	Preround	Rounds	Rounds
9:15-9:45AM	Geriatrics Didactics		
9:45-12:00PM	Rounds		
12:00-1:00PM	Noon conference	Signout RESIDENT DAY OFF	Signout RESIDENT / FELLOW DAY OFF
1:00-3:00PM	Admissions until 2PM		
3:00-4:00PM	Staff at 3PM		
4PM	Signout		

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- The team admits 7 AM- 2PM Mon-Fri, including direct admissions from the ED, transfer from ICUs, and hold-overs from overnight admissions, and transfers of patients who have Geri-PACT providers outpatient.
- The residents evaluate patients for admission to the team.
- The fellow will be absent for clinic either Tues or Weds AM, in addition to their long-term care continuity, geri grand rounds and journal club.
- The fellow's day off is Sunday each week.
- The fellow writes the notes for the resident who is off on Saturday. Otherwise, the fellow has no firm note responsibility, but as discharge specialist, can assist the residents by writing the d/c summaries.
- The fellow will be absent for lectures Thurs 3-5 PM.
- The fellow will have 1 day off in 7 on average over 4 weeks.