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Internal Medicine PLOG Core Course Requirements

Required diagnoses/problems

(Student is actively caring for the patient. Simulated cases may be alternative substitutes.)

Diagnoses/symptoms	Total number of	Number of
	required patients	simulations allowed
1. Abdominal / pelvic pain	2	1
2. Affective disorders	4	1
3. Altered mental status	2	1
(acute or chronic)		
4. Chest pain /	4	1
dysrhythmias		
5. CHF	2	1
6. Common malignancies	2	1
7. Cough	2	1
8. Diabetes mellitus	4	1
9. Dyslipidemia	3	1
10. Fluid, electrolyte,	3	1
and/or acid-base		
derangement		
11. Hypertension	4	1
12. Musculoskeletal	3	1
afflictions		
13. Obesity or abnormal	4	1
weight loss		
14. Polypharmacy	2	1
15. Shortness of breath	3	1
16. Substance abuse issues	2	1
17. Upper respiratory tract affliction	2	1
18. Other	0	0

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Types of Patients

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Types of Patients	Total number of required patients	Number of simulations allowed
A. Frail elder who resides at home	2	0
B. Frail elder who resides in	2	0
alternative living arrangement		
(long-term care, assisted living		
etc.) Thus, discharge planning		
different for this group of		
patients.		
C. Caring for a patient with limited	2	0
access to care		
D. Caring for a patient from a	2	1
culture not your own		
E. Management of a new acute	2	0
condition, with an emphasis on		
diagnosis		
F. Management of a new acute	2	0
condition, with an emphasis on		
formulation and delivery of		
treatment plan		
G. Management of a chronic	4	0
condition		
H. Management of an exacerbation	2	0
of a chronic condition		
I. Prevention discussion as the	2	0
major focus of patient		
interaction		
J. Counseling as the major focus of	2	0
the patient interaction		
K. Other	0	0