

Core Clinical Clerkships: Pediatrics

Course Objectives

1. To acquire a fund of knowledge about pediatrics necessary for any physician regardless of his or her future area of interest.
2. To gather, organize, and record health and illness data on pediatric patients in various age groups: newborn, infant, toddler, pre-school, school-age, and adolescent. This includes:
 - a. The ability to take a thorough history
 - b. The ability to carry out a thorough physical examination and developmental assessment
 - c. The ability to record the above in conventional or problem-oriented format
 - d. The ability to synthesize and analyze the information and to develop an approach to differential diagnoses
 - e. The ability to formulate a plan of evaluation with critical use of the laboratory and other diagnostic studies with justification (medical and financial)
 - f. The development of skills in concise case presentation
 - g. The acquisition of knowledge about general approaches to patient management (rather than fine detail)
 - h. The development of skills in performance of simple procedures.
3. To review the pathophysiology and background information about disease entities encountered and the effects of disease on the developing child.