

**Primary Care Ambulatory Rotation:
GI Procedures and General Internal Medicine (one month)**

Goals:

The resident must demonstrate competency in performing flexible sigmoidoscopy and in all six competencies in office-based general internal medicine practice.

Objectives:

1. Perform flexible sigmoidoscopy to full depth of instrument in at least 25 patients.
2. Competently perform at least two biopsies of polyp and/or sigmoid wall.
3. Recognize colorectal pathology to include hemorrhoids, polyps, other neoplasms, ischemic colitis, ulcerations, melanosis coli, and diverticuli.
4. In patient care, gather accurate essential information from all sources; make informed recommendations about preventive, diagnostic, and therapeutic options and interventions based on clinical judgment, scientific evidence, and patient preference; and develop, negotiate, and implement effective patient management plans and integration of patient care.
5. In medical knowledge, apply knowledge base to clinical problem-solving, clinical decision-making, and critical thinking.
6. In practice-based learning and improvement, identify areas for improvement and implement strategies to enhance knowledge, skills, attitudes, and processes of care; analyze practice experiences and implement strategies to improve the quality of patient care; maintain a willingness to learn from error and use errors to improve care; and use information technology to access and manage information, support care decisions, and enhance patient and physician education.
7. In interpersonal and communication skills, sustain therapeutic and ethically sound professional relationships with patients, families, and colleagues; use effective listening, nonverbal, questioning, and narrative skills to communicate with patients and families; and maintain comprehensive, timely, and legible medical records.
8. In professionalism, demonstrate respect, compassion, integrity, and altruism in relationships with patients, families, and colleagues; demonstrate sensitivity and responsiveness to the gender, age, culture, religion, sexual preference, socioeconomic status, beliefs, behaviors, and disabilities of patients and professional colleagues; and adhere to principles of confidentiality and informed consent.
9. In systems-based practice, access and use the resources, providers, and systems necessary to provide optimal care; develop strategies to optimize care for the individual patient understanding the limitations and opportunities inherent in various practice types and delivery systems; apply evidence-based, cost-conscious strategies to prevention, diagnosis, and disease management; and collaborate with other members of the health care team to help patients deal with complex systems.

Training in flexible sigmoidoscopy occurs at the VA Hospital GI Lab Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Help with learning the equipment should be obtained

on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon in the VA GI lab. Contact person is Martha Garner at 523-8990, Ext. 5573.

Personal supervision is provided by Dr. Craig Dorko at the Med and by trained nurse practitioners at the VAMC.

General internal medicine training occurs at the UTMG east offices and private offices of volunteer faculty. The following internists are available for this training and provide direct supervision: Drs. John Austin, John Norwood, Burton Hayes, Catherine Womack, and David Wright. Office hours and phone numbers are listed below:

Dr. John Austin - 525-1438
6027 Walnut Grove, Suite 401
Office Hours: All week

Dr. John Norwood - Pager - 777-9001
Mon all day - East office
Tues all day - East office
Wed AM - East office
Thurs all day - East office
Fri PM - East office

Dr. Catherine Womack - Pager 703-1206
Tues AM - East office
Tues PM - Rhodes College
Wed all day - East office
Thurs AM - East office
Fri PM - East office

Dr. David Wright - 757-1200
8066 Walnut Run Road
Cordova, TN 38018
Office Hours: All week

Competency Evaluation:

ABIM Global Assessment Form – All six competencies must be rated satisfactory or superior.
Procedure Log – for flexible sigmoidoscopy

Outcomes Assessment:

General medicine sections of the in-training examination and ABIM certifying examination will be monitored with an expectation of 50thile performance by all residents. Other assessment will include monthly evaluations by residents, annual program evaluation by residents, and periodic surveys of program graduates.