

**Primary Care Ambulatory Rotation:  
General Internal Medicine and Practice Management (one month)**

**Goals:**

The resident must achieve the six general internal medicine competencies in the care of the ambulatory patient. In addition he must acquire practice management skills enabling him to function efficiently and economically in any general internal medicine practice.

**Objectives:**

- 1) Please see the six competency-related Objectives: listed on the GI procedures and GIM rotation.
- 2) Demonstrate E and M coding competence
- 3) Describe federal regulations impacting the office practice of medicine and the hiring and firing of employees.
- 4) Identify factors influencing patient flow and referrals.
- 5) Read and analyze a physician employment contract for problems.
- 6) Explain the billing procedures of a well-run practice and how the medical insurance industry affects billing and collections.

**Learning Venues:**

Please see the general internal medicine venues described above. All continuity clinics in the system offer coding instruction as does the ED and minor meds. In addition the noon conference series includes lectures on contracts and coding.

**Competency Evaluation:**

ABIM Global Assessment Form – All six competencies must be rated as satisfactory or superior. Written examination at end of rotation - As part of systems-based practice, this examination will assess houseofficer's knowledge of coding and the business aspects of medical practice.

**Outcomes Assessment:**

General internal medicine sections of the in-service examination and the ABIM certifying examination will be monitored with the expectation of 50%ile or higher performance by the residents. In addition the monthly resident evaluations of the rotation, the annual program evaluation by residents, and most importantly the periodic survey of program graduates will be monitored.