

GASTROENTEROLOGY AND HEPATOLOGY

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- Evaluate all patients on admission, develop differential diagnosis, initiate plan of evaluation and management, discuss with attending gastroenterologist.
- Documentation in patient’s chart.
- Supervise PGY 1, 2 or 3 from the Department of Internal Medicine in the evaluation and management of patients.
- Review clinical, laboratory, pathologic, radiologic and endoscopic data with attending gastroenterologist on daily basis and translate this information into patient care.
- Attend all clinical conferences, research conferences, journal clubs and didactic lectures.
- Instruct residents and medical students on a daily basis at the bedside or in more formal “sit-down rounds.”
- Provide gastroenterology consultation to other services and round with the assigned gastroenterology attending, medical resident and student(s) and provide initial evaluation and subsequent treatment plans.
- Obtain a core fund of knowledge in normal biology, normal physiology, and pathophysiology of the gastrointestinal system, liver, pancreas and biliary tree.
- Keep abreast of current information in major clinical topics in gastroenterology and hepatology.
- Develop skill in the evaluation and management of patients in the ambulatory care setting.
- Develop competence in clinical or basic investigation working with a faculty mentor.
- Develop a clear understanding of the indications, pitfalls in performance and limitations of interpretation, as well as mastery of performance (appropriate to the level of training) for the following: diagnostic and therapeutic upper and lower gastrointestinal endoscopy (with control of

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bleeding, biopsy, brush cytology and polypectomy), endoscopic mucosal resection techniques, dilation of benign and malignant gastrointestinal strictures, chromoendoscopy (dye-based and virtual) and gastric and gastro-jejunal feeding tube placements. Non-endoscopic skills include esophageal manometry, esophageal pH studies, small bowel motility and anal sphincter manometry.

- Interpret radiologic studies of the gastrointestinal tract, including contrast gastrointestinal examination, ultrasonography, computer tomographic scans, magnetic resonance imaging, and radionucleotide imaging studies.
- Obtain a core knowledge base to reach goals for nutrition assessment and adequate nutrition requirements.

For details of duties and expectations of gastroenterology fellows, on specific rotations, see goals and objections and recommended readings posted on MedHub.