PATH 888J: Forensic & Medical Autopsy Pathology

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course offers insight into forensic pathology and medicolegal death investigation as well as the workup and certification of in-hospital deaths. The student will be involved in the performance of autopsies, including the performance of external examinations, disposition of fluid/tissue samples for ancillary studies, and basic dissection of the internal organs. This course offers an excellent opportunity for review of normal anatomy and exposes the student to common pathologies and traumas. Contact Dr. Angelina Phillips via e-mail one week prior to the start of the rotation.

LEARNING GOALS & OBJECTIVES: At the completion of this clinical rotation students should be able to do the following:
1. Identify factors that qualify a death for a forensic autopsy. (MK3, SL1)
2. Work on an interdisciplinary team and communicate effectively (CS1, PR1, IP1)
3. Explain the complete details of how an autopsy is performed. (MK1, MK3, MK4, CS1)
4. Perform uncomplicated autopsy organ dissection. (MK1, MK3, MK4, PC7)
5. Properly complete the cause and manner of death section on a death certificate. (MK4, CS5)

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGIES & ROTATION ACTIVITIES: Students on this rotation will be expected to learn and achieve the educational goals and objectives through the following methodologies and activities:
1. Attendance and participation in weekly autopsy conferences.
2. Rotation specific didactics.
3. Pre-case and post-case discussions with attending pathologist, residents, and /or forensic fellow.
4. Active participation in autopsy casework.
5. Student presentation of a 15-minute autopsy/forensic topic at the end of the rotation.

PATIENT ENCOUNTERS: Students will be expected to work-up patients with these specified conditions:
1. Natural diseases including hypertension, atherosclerosis, pneumonia, and/or cancer
2. Various forms of trauma including motor vehicle accidents, burns, gunshot wounds, and/or sharp force injuries
3. Illicit and prescription drug overdoses

EVALUATION / FEEDBACK METHODS: Students will be evaluated using the following methods:
1. E*Value Clinical Performance Evaluation.
2. Attending physicians, forensic fellow, and pathology residents will provide on-site verbal evaluation/feedback about daily service work.
3. Attending physicians, forensic fellow, and pathology residents will provide on-site verbal feedback of the 15-minute student presentation at the end of the rotation.

Will students be expected to participate in call? ☐ YES ☒ NO
Voluntary weekend call.