Year III Orientation
Continuity Clinic Clerkship

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CCC is an ambulatory experience in the 3rd year. Most clerkships are inpatient, but outpatient medicine is the future.

- Uncomplicated pneumonia and new onset DM are no longer hospital covered admissions.

CCC started 15 years ago when the Agency for Healthcare Quality Research funded innovative curricula for teaching medical students about managing patient care.

- WSU-SOM got one of the initial grants (only 40ish schools)
- CCC is now taught nationwide.
Continuity Clinic Clerkship (CCC)

What’s it all about?

CCC is an opportunity to develop continuity with patients. It runs weekly over 6 months, during your primary care block, and gives the student the rare opportunity to:

- watch a disease process evolve,
- observe the effects of treatment,
- and identify barriers to adherence.
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* Provides exposure to the primary care model: comprehensive, coordinated, & continuous health care.

* Presents a curriculum on managing care: using outcome measures and clinical care guidelines to ensure best practices with an emphasis on:
  * clinical prevention
  * patient education
  * continuity of care

* You will learn the ins and outs of running an outpatient practice
Opportunity to understand trends in the healthcare industry, learn to recognize and deal with potential conflicts of interest, ethical dilemmas, health disparities, and difficult situations in medical practice.

CCC provides a longitudinal relationship with your preceptor that will ideally evolve into an ongoing mentorship. Many students ask their preceptor for letter of recommendation.
You have been assigned to a preceptor based on your list of preferred sites. We make every effort to honor your choices. You will be notified by e-mail.

Call your preceptor **by January 8th** and speak with him/her or the office manager to set up your first clinic day (**the 2nd week of the rotation at the LATEST**).

You will attend the same day every week until the end of the semester (**06/17/2016**).

You are excused from your primary rotation to attend your CCC each week, but be sure to communicate with your team (and remind them!) **You are never to attend CCC during a time when you have a required orientation for your primary clerkship.**
Avoid Wednesday afternoons and morning clinic sessions when possible.

Try your best to attend the same day every week to optimize continuity. If you have an exam/study day, or your preceptor will be away, you can switch your day that week.

You may work with your preceptor’s partner for a session or two if he/she will be away from clinic.

You MAY NOT double up and do two sessions in a given week to catch up, unless your preceptor offers you a Saturday clinic during a week when you are not working the weekend for your primary rotation, or an evening session.
You must attend **18 sessions MINIMUM** to pass the CCC. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Ideally, you should attend **all 23 weeks of the primary care block**. The other 5 days accommodate students taking an out-of-town elective or FM rotation. Do your best to attend all 23 sessions.

There are **no “excused absences” for the CCC!** Notify your preceptor if you are unable to attend during a given week.
You must complete your office visits, Clinical Learning Exercises (CLEs), patient & attendance log, and evaluations by the end of the clerkship (06/17/2016).

Attendance & CLE log (Clerkship Activity Card) must be reviewed & signed by your preceptor weekly, and turned in to Ms. Blackwell in person, by fax or scanned and emailed.

Complete the Final Self-Assessment on Blackboard.

Receive satisfactory mid-clerkship and end-of-clerkship evaluations from your preceptor. It is your responsibility to print out and give these forms to your preceptor to complete and return to Ms. Blackwell at the appropriate times.

You must meet the attendance requirement.
At the beginning, start by shadowing your preceptor. Within a week or two, s/he will assign you a patient to do an H&P independently, which you can then present, including a DDx/assessment and plan.

**Optimize continuity** – work with your preceptor in the first visit or two to identify continuity patients. Walk them to the scheduling desk as they exit to optimize their return on your clinic day (then be sure to be there!) Be proactive!

Follow-up phone calls (part of the CLEs) optimize continuity and build rapport – your patients will love it!
If you have an afternoon session, you may go home after the CCC.

If you are on-call or doing a morning session, you must return to the hospital.

Morning sessions are tricky, so try to avoid them. If you must, work it out with your team in advance.
Clinical Learning Exercises (CLEs)

15 assignments (2 with 2 parts each):

- should be done weekly throughout the clerkship.
- meant to promote on-site learning and discussion with your preceptor at your clinical site. Have your preceptor sign off on your Log/Clerkship Activity Card. They do not need to be uploaded on BB.
- DO NOT put the CLEs off until the end of the clerkship!
- Review them ALL prior to beginning the clerkship. You will need to identify specific patients to do each CLE, and you may skip around if a given patient fits criteria for a later/earlier CLE.
- Don’t do them at home or in the hospital.
- You are to take the initiative to do them... not the preceptor.

Examples

- ICD-10 codes to categorize diseases/symptoms, used for billing
- Insurance types
- Co-pays and formularies
- Advanced directives (identify a patient with your preceptor)
The Final is a Self-Assessment Module that will be completed on Blackboard.

All material covered is from the syllabus/CLEs.

Questions are case-based and straightforward.
All of the preceptors are volunteers, and love to teach. They are a great resource and often serve as mentors that can provide a letter of recommendation later.

Occasional personality conflicts arise – let us know about them ASAP!

You are being invited into your preceptor’s office and allowed to assist in the care of their private patients. Remember that you are an ambassador of WSU-SOM – show your professionalism and appreciation!