

**Undergraduate Medical Education Program  
Summary of Objectives – Internal Medicine**

#	Objectives
1	Conduct a clinical interview in adults with complex medical problems that results in the obtaining of complete and relevant patient history
2	Conduct a complete and relevant physical examination for adults with complex medical problems and be able to evaluate the result of this examination in the context of the patient history.
3	Demonstrate clinical problem solving skills, including the ability to diagnose and initially manage with supervision, common acute and chronic medical conditions.
4	Demonstrate an approach to the diagnosis and management of relatively uncommon medical conditions and appreciate how they might present in the clinical setting.
5	Demonstrate the ability to perform in real life clinical practice by participating in overnight call responsibilities.
6	Communicate effectively, orally and in writing, including recording in the patient chart, writing orders, presenting cases, prescribing, sending referrals, dictating letters and summarizing patient care and recommendations.
7	Describe the indications for and methods used in common diagnostic and interventional tests including laboratory tests, x rays and electrocardiograms. Interpret the results of these tests within the context of the patient encounter, and their impact on diagnostic and therapeutic decision making.
8	Demonstrate competence regarding strategies for health promotion and disease prevention in patients with complex medical conditions, including secondary prevention (i.e. delaying or preventing the progression of co-morbid disease).
9	Demonstrate the attitudes and professional behaviors appropriate for clinical practice.
10	Identify and use appropriate sources of information to support the delivery of patient care, including critical appraisal of the medical literature.
11	Demonstrate a working knowledge of commonly used medications including their mechanisms of action, indications for use, expected treatment outcomes and common adverse effects.

12	Understand how combinations of medication can contribute to adverse outcomes (polypharmacy). Perform a detailed drug review for an older adult.
13	Demonstrate an approach to considering the ethical aspects of the practice of medicine including Advance Care Planning and Decision Making in the patient with a poor prognosis.
14	Engage in a respectful, collaborative, and appropriate approach to patient care and management with the patient, families, and member of the health professions team.