

General Clerkship Guidelines

This eight-week clerkship is divided into two four-week components, Outpatient Family Medicine and Outpatient Internal Medicine. There are required lectures, readings, and Ambulatory Grand Rounds for each component. The students are divided into groups for each four-week component, therefore, some students will complete Outpatient Family Medicine then Outpatient Internal Medicine and some will complete Outpatient Internal Medicine then Outpatient Family Medicine. This placement is predetermined and the student does not have the option of choosing the order of their two components.

The Family Medicine Shelf examination from the National Board of Medical Examiners is given the last Friday per each eight-week clerkship. It counts for 10% of your final Clerkship grade. There is no Outpatient Internal Medicine Component examination given for IDC 301 Ambulatory Primary Care Clerkship.

Outpatient Family Medicine and Outpatient Internal Medicine Lectures

You are required to attend only the Outpatient Family Medicine Component lectures and Ambulatory Grand Rounds during the four weeks in which you are scheduled for the Outpatient Family Medicine Component. If you are at a Family Medicine rural site, you will not attend the Family Medicine lectures or Ambulatory Grand Rounds. However, you are required to complete the three patient SOAP write-ups for the Outpatient Family Medicine Component according to the Family Medicine guidelines and protocols.

You are required to attend only the Outpatient Internal Medicine Component lectures and Ambulatory Grand Rounds during the four weeks in which you are scheduled for the Outpatient Internal Medicine Component, regardless if you are working with a Family Medicine or Internal Medicine preceptor.

You are not to double-up the lectures schedules by attending both component lectures in the same four-week period.

Family Medicine Preceptor for the Entire Eight Weeks

You have the option to work with a Family Medicine preceptor during your Outpatient Internal Medicine Component. This option is only for those students who want the opportunity to work at both an urban and a rural family medicine clinic site. The student works with a rural Family Medicine preceptor during the Outpatient Family Medicine Component and with an urban Family Medicine preceptor during the Outpatient Internal Medicine Component.