

## **Consults - General Internal Medicine**

### **Preamble:**

This rotation will focus specifically on solidifying the skills necessary to function as an attending in assessing patients referred by all specialities for a variety of clinical conditions. The patient population will be diverse and often with multiple comorbidities, acute and chronic. The opportunity exist also to arrange follow-up through the individual's longitudinal clinic.

### **Medical expert**

- Perform a complete assessment on all referred patients using a generalist approach.
- Formulate a comprehensive differential diagnosis and utilize evidence informed clinical reasoning to develop a diagnostic approach in the undifferentiated patient.
- Implement evidence informed treatment plans for referrals concerning but not limited to post-op complications, medical optimization and assessment of undifferentiated patient.

### **Communicator**

- Generate a clear and concise written record of every patient encounter that provides the family physician with guidance for continuing management.
- Perform a consultation with oral presentation of well-documented written assessments and recommendations.

### **Collaborator**

- Recognize the role of each multidisciplinary team member and avail of each professional's skills to best serve the needs of the patient with chronic illness.

### **Scholar**

- By utilizing each patient encounter, identify personal knowledge gaps and actively seek to address these.
- Promote and establish a safe learning environment.

### **Health Advocate**

- Promote primary and secondary prevention counselling to individual patients.
- Actively engage patients with chronic disease in discussions regarding goals of care planning.

### **Professional**

- Demonstrate integrity, honesty, respect, and compassion in all interactions with patients, families and health care professionals.