

CLERKSHIP IN FAMILY MEDICINE



Palliative Care Overview

The Palliative Care undergraduate curriculum is designed to provide basic information about Palliative Medicine. It is based on the national Educating Future Physicians in Palliative and End-of-Life Care (EFPPEC) Competencies. For more information please see the Clerkship Palliative Care resource binder which will be provided with your Family Medicine Clerkship materials.

The Clerkship experience builds on this foundation of knowledge from the undergraduate curriculum by providing an opportunity to work with palliative care professionals, in a variety of settings, and intersect with people receiving palliative care services. This will be achieved through two teaching sessions, a site visit, an interactive teaching session, and a team OSCE (TOSCE). Students will be required to complete a reflective narrative of their site visit experience.

Attendance at all sessions is mandatory and forms part of your final evaluation. Failure to attend the sessions and clinical visits may result in an unsatisfactory evaluation. Please ensure that you sign attendance sheets at each session.

OBJECTIVES

1. To provide clinical and educational experiences to achieve the EFPPEC competencies
2. To provide exposure to palliative patients and families within the context of an inter-professional team
3. To encourage self-reflection about issues of end of life care.

Format	Number	Description
Tutorial 1	½ day	Overview of pain and symptom management.
A Taste of Palliative Care	½ day	Exposure to History taking skills (Interactive Session), a mini lecture on inter-professional skills and a palliative care TOSCE
Site Visit	½ day	Clinical exposure, primarily observational with an inter-professional team.
Tutorial 2	½ day	Clerks present pre-assigned topics to each other with content expert input.

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