GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals

- Gain experience in the management of patients in a community hospital with high acuity adult patients, pediatric patients, and geriatric patients
- Become skillful in the evaluation and management of patients presenting to a community emergency department

Objectives by Core Competency

**Patient Care**

- Learn evaluation, treatment, and disposition of patients with emergency psychiatric disorders
- Learn evaluation, treatment, and disposition, and arrange referral for pediatric patients presenting to the emergency department
- Learn evaluation, treatment, and disposition of geriatric patients
- Gain competence in determining and arranging appropriate follow up and referrals
- Demonstrate the ability to obtain a history from the patient, the paramedics, and the family in a timely fashion
- Demonstrate the ability to document an emergency department encounter in a complete but concise manner
- Demonstrate the ability to competently perform basic procedures required commonly in an emergency department (e.g. wound exploration and repair, lumbar puncture, arterial cannulation, incision and drainage of abscesses, reduction of joint dislocations, simple regional blocks, Foley catheterization, nasogastric tube placement, airway management, thoracostomy tube placement, and central line placement)
- Demonstrate the ability to perform a primary assessment and secondary survey on serious and critical patients
- Describe the emergency interventions needed to stabilize critical patients during the primary assessment
- Describe the differential diagnosis and emergency management of patients who present with common emergency symptoms
**Medical Knowledge**

- Acquire the medical knowledge required to competently care for the full range of patients who present to the emergency department
- Describe the differential diagnosis and management of common emergency symptoms
- Describe the presentation, treatment, and disposition of common emergency disorders

**Practice-based Learning and Improvement**

- Demonstrate the ability to use information technology and evidence-based medicine to support patient care decisions
- Demonstrate the ability to facilitate the learning of students and other healthcare professionals

**Interpersonal and Communication Skills**

- Develop communication and interpersonal skills needed to practice emergency medicine in a community hospital
- Demonstrate the ability to present to community physicians and consultants in clear and concise manner
- Demonstrate the interpersonal skills needed to work with emergency nurses and ancillary personnel

**Professionalism**

- Demonstrate the ability to interact in a professional manner with patients and their families
- Acquire the knowledge and confidence to practice emergency medicine as a qualified patient advocate, demonstrating sensitivity to patients' culture, age, gender and disabilities
- Demonstrate an understanding of the ethical principles that guide decision-making in the emergency department in areas such as withholding of care, patient confidentiality and informed consent

**Systems-based Practice**

- Demonstrate the ability to effectively utilize the resources available in a community emergency department to optimize patient care
• Demonstrate the ability to utilize system resources to address public health issues such as domestic violence and injury prevention