

January/February 2019

LPP 1 Preceptor Update

Hope you are all doing well and had a wonderful holiday. By now you have probably had at least half of your sessions with your student or students. They should complete a total of 11 for the year. I hope these are going well and of course you can reach out to us if you feel there are any issues.

The students continue to practice their history taking and interviewing skills. They are learning about motivational interviewing skills which are relevant for primary care providers who are responsible for caring for patients with diseases affected by behavior. They have also had a session on health counseling and smoking cessation. On the horizon is a session on alcohol risk assessment and counseling on 1/31/19.

At this point in physical diagnosis the students have learned almost all portions of the physical exam:

- Using the stethoscope and taking vitals
- Heart and vascular exam
- Lungs and chest/breast
- Abdomen
- Musculoskeletal exam
- Neurological exam

The last session will happen on 1/29 and 1/30/19 on the head and neck (using the ophthalmoscope and otoscope).

For scheduling purposes, they do have exams coming up on 1/28, 2/19, and 2/22.

On a separate note, Ann and I are already looking towards next Fall. **We hope you will continue to teach your current student or students after the summer. They would have 6 more sessions during their second year of medical school typically completed between September to December 2019. Please let us know if there are any issues or if you will not be able to do this.**

I hope this information is helpful and again I've attached a link to our course where you can find most of the information you need: <http://www.umassmed.edu/oume/curriculum/longitudinal-preceptor-program/>.

Thank you again for taking the time to teach our students. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Please email myself Peggy.Wu@umassmemorial.org or the course coordinator, Ann Perla Anne.Perla@umassmed.edu, with any questions or ideas on how we can make this experience better for you and our students.

Sincerely,

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