Care of Amputee – OE 944

Brief description (200 words or less of course details):

The main goal of this elective is to expose future medical professionals to an important stigmatized subset of the patient population so that they may gain empathy and the tools necessary to serve amputees during their medical careers. Our objectives are to present the causes, lifestyle changes, medical considerations and technological innovations involved in amputation medicine. The elective will include an optional clinical immersion at the Spaulding or Fairlawn Rehabilitation Facilities. With the impending arrival of the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Worcester - which will serve returning combat veterans with potential amputations - this elective would offer preemptive training and education into this population. We are also working on creating programs that will allow students to work in interdisciplinary teams to treat amputees, and thus have direct clinical exposure to veteran medicine.

Semester offered: Fall

Registration information: Contact student leaders below

Requirements for credit:

- Students will be required to attend five of the seven sessions (one of which can be supplemented with the optional clinical immersion).
- Students must complete a two page, double spaced, reflection on what they have learned and how this will affect their practice as future physicians.

Contact information (student and faculty leaders):

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Offered in this academic year: YES