Roads to Recovery: Substance Abuse from a Patients' Perspective – OE 930

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

Physicians often encounter the medical ramifications of substance abuse, but not necessarily the reasons it began, the criminal activity to obtain the substances, the effects on the family and the efforts of local community organizations. This course gives students a greater understanding of addiction and recovery from the perspective of patients and their families. This elective consists of 2 components: an on-campus speaker series and off-campus enrichment trips. Faculty, community organizations and patients give students a broad view of substance abuse that extends far beyond the clinic.

The goals of this course are to help students:

- Gain a greater understanding of addiction and recovery from the perspective of patients and their families
- Recognize abstinence and recovery as life-long commitments and the role of physicians in supporting patients’ efforts to achieve them
- Become familiar with local and regional resources for assisting patients in achieving and maintaining recovery
- Experience the positive aspects of working with patients with addiction by listening to patients talk about successful recovery as well as providers who enjoy taking care of patients with addiction problems

Semester offered: Fall

Registration information:

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Offered in this academic year: YES