

DEPARTMENT OF PAEDIATRICS: RESIDENT ASSESSMENT  
ROTATION SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES FOR SENIOR PEDIATRIC RESIDENT CLINIC

(A) Medical Expert

- (1) The resident should display knowledge of common acute and chronic problems encountered in consulting paediatrics such as asthma and failure to thrive. He/she should have an approach to the child with multisystem involvement. He should demonstrate an understanding of normal/abnormal development, nutrition and behavioural issues.
- (2) The resident should demonstrate the ability to take comprehensive histories including a history of the present complaint and full psychosocial histories. The resident should be able to adapt history-taking techniques for patients of different ages and cultures.
- (3) The resident should be able to conduct a comprehensive age and problem appropriate physical examination.
- (4) The resident should be able to outline an appropriate management plan including relevant investigations, subspecialty consultations and resources (allied health/community) and recommend appropriate investigations taking into consideration costs and benefits. The resident should develop a follow up plan including review of investigations and plan for comprehensive ongoing care.

(B) Communicator

- (1) The resident should demonstrate age appropriate interview techniques, explanations of assessment process, plans for investigation and management for both children and their parents/caregivers.
- (2) The resident should demonstrate sensitivity to emotional and cultural issues. He/she should show appropriate respect with regards to issues of confidentiality.
- (3) The resident should show awareness of the importance of communication between all members of the health care team including public health, schools, paediatric subspecialties, allied health and family doctors.
- (4) The resident should present cases in an organized and succinct fashion.
- (5) The resident should dictate informative and comprehensive consultation and follow up visit notes summarizing the assessment and management plans.

(C) Collaborator

- (1) The resident should recognize the importance of establishing an alliance with patients and their families in the ongoing care of his/her patients.
- (2) The resident should understand the importance of interaction and cooperation between all members of the health care team. He/she should recognize his/her unique role as case manager.
- (3) The resident should collaborate with his/her colleagues ensuring resident coverage for all clinics if a switch is required
- (4) The resident should be able to work well with all members of the clinic.

(D) Manager

- (1) The resident should demonstrate the ability to use information technology and medical searches to provide the most up to date, evidence based information to address patient problems encountered.
- (2) The resident should show awareness of cost/benefit issues in the management of patients. He should demonstrate knowledge of appropriate shadow billings for all patients reviewed in his/her clinic.
- (3) The resident should be aware of time management in reviewing his/her patients in the clinic
- (4) The resident should inquire about alternative health practices and their role in the health care plan for patients that they assess or follow.
- (5) The resident should be aware of agencies involved in the provision of care to children (i.e. child welfare, public health).
- (6) Residents in the “Community Stream” should develop an understanding of how a busy consulting pediatric office functions.

(E) Health Advocate

- (1) The resident should be able to discuss the role of social, economic and biological factors that may impact the health of his/her patients (i.e. poverty, obesity).
- (2) The resident should actively promote the involvement of his/her patient and family in medical decision-making.
- (3) The resident should be able to demonstrate the knowledge of the different health care needs of children at different ages and be proactive in addressing these needs in the care of individual patients over time.
- (4) The resident should demonstrate an understanding of health care promotion.
- (5) The resident should be knowledgeable about community resources available to help their patients (i.e. COPE) and advocates on behalf of individual families for their involvement.

(F) Scholar

- (1) The resident recognizes the importance of continuing medical education for the consulting paediatrician.
- (2) The resident demonstrates the importance of critical appraisal in incorporating new information, which may change practice.

(G) Professional

- (1) The resident understands the importance of meeting commitments to patients, his/her families and colleagues.
- (2) The resident demonstrates compassion and empathy in his/her interaction with patients and families.
- (3) The resident recognizes his/her limitations in consulting paediatric practice and seeks appropriate assistance.
- (4) The resident demonstrates respect for others.

(5) The resident demonstrates an understanding of ethics as it relates to issues encountered in consulting paediatric practice