General Family Medicine

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Sites

Students can request electives at any of the McGill teaching sites, either in Montreal or the rural areas. A complete list of teaching sites can be obtained from the Family Medicine website.

Elective Description

The overall purpose of this 4-week elective is to acquaint the student with the principles of family medicine. During the rotation, students will work as part of a team, whose members may include a staff physician, a family medicine nurse, and several residents. They will follow patients under the supervision of team members. The degree of responsibility for patient care will depend on the level of training and previous experience.

Elective Duration

Minimum 4-week electives for both McGill and Non-McGill students. Requests for 2 or 3 week electives will be handled on an individual basis.

Important for electives at the Herzl /JGH and SMH: Only elective requests that follow the McGill Rotation Block Calendar will be considered. It is important that the start dates are the same as the Rotation Block Calendar.

Educational Objectives

1. Consolidate an approach to common and urgent problems by applying knowledge of etiology, patient history and physical findings to arrive at diagnoses and develop investigation and management plans (MDCM 1.1.2, 1.3.1, 1.4.1)
2. Demonstrate patient-centered medicine (including exploring the illness experience and social context, and shared decision-making to reach common ground). (MDCM 1.2.5)
3. Demonstrate a compassionate interest, respect, and understanding of the patient as an individual, while maintaining a professional relationship. (MDCM 2.1.1)
4. Demonstrate the attributes of the professional and the healer in the context of patient care. (MDCM 3.1)
### Prerequisites

Must have completed core Family Medicine Clerkship.

### Scope of Work

Outpatient family medicine clinics. Mostly Mon-Friday daytimes. May have shifts booked on a few evening or weekends in urgent care.