Psychiatry – Inpatient Service

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Elective Duration

2, 3, 4 weeks

Educational Objectives

By the end of the elective, medical students are expected to have achieved the following objectives:

1. A more in-depth understanding in a specific area of psychiatry.
2. Increased autonomy and ability to conduct a psychiatric evaluation in a specific area.
3. Improved ability to create a biopsychosocial formulation for a psychiatric patient.
4. Improved ability to create a treatment plan for a psychiatric patient.
5. The student will improve interview skills in Psychiatry.
6. The student will improve in writing case reports in Psychiatry.

Prerequisites

Psychiatric Clerkship
Scope of Work

1. The student will be assigned patients on an inpatient ward.
2. The student will participate in admissions, treatment and discharge planning for severe psychiatric patients.
3. The student will improve skills in safety evaluation of severe psychiatric patients.
4. The student will learn about psychopharmacological treatments for severe psychiatric patients.
5. The student will participate in/observe therapeutic interventions that take place on a psychiatric ward.
6. The student will observe electroconvulsive therapy.

Recommended Reading/Preparation


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Elective Description

The in-patient service in Psychiatry at the Montreal General Hospital consists of a 49-bed clinical teaching unit (CTU) on 4-West. General adult psychiatric patients are eligible for admission. Four psychiatrists are responsible for the clinical care of these patients and for the teaching and supervision of residents and medical students. The CTU employs a multidisciplinary team approach that utilizes the biopsychosocial model of treatment. Each team consists of a psychiatrist, resident, medical students, nurses, social worker, occupational therapist and psychology interns. Training in psychopharmacology and electroconvulsive therapy is available. Dynamic/Psychoanalytic interviews of in-patients rounds out the clinical experience.

This is a full-time elective.
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This is a 32-bed unit with emphasis placed on short-term treatment, offering the student an opportunity to participate in the diagnostics and treatment of the full range of psychiatric diseases. Supervision is by full-time Attending Staff, with the student as a member of the treatment team in a primary care role. The elective is available to one student.