Student Clinic

Goals:
The goal of the Student Clinic is to give the student direct patient care experience under the guidance of preceptors. Students will be present for at least two patient care sessions. This experience is aimed at integration of osteopathic principles in patient care.

Objectives:
Upon conclusion of this experience the student should be able to:

1. Conduct a focused/targeted history including chief complaint, history of present illness, past medical/family/surgical/trauma history, medications, medical allergies, social history and targeted review of systems.
2. Accurately assess patient vital signs.
3. Perform a targeted physical exam.
4. Perform an osteopathic structural exam as part of an integrated physical exam.
5. Verbally present the patient to the attending in an accurate and concise manner.
6. Write an accurate and organized targeted history and physical exam note as well as a targeted SOAP note which will become a part of the patient’s permanent record.
7. Perform Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment with the guidance of the preceptor.
8. Address family medicine issues appropriately.

Expectations:
The student is expected to come to the clinic with a desire to learn all they can about integration of osteopathic principles and outpatient care.

1. The student will promptly report to the clinic in professional dress with white coat and medical equipment (minimum = reflex hammer & stethoscope).
2. The student will build rapport with patients, attending and staff.
3. The student will conduct themselves in a professional manner as outlined in the UNECOM student manual.
4. The student will maintain patient confidentiality at all times paying close attention to HIPPA guidelines and the patient’s wishes.
5. The student will construct an appropriate note for the patient’s chart on each patient seen (H&P for new patients, SOAP notes for established patients) next day by 5 PM after the date of the patient encounter.

Evaluation:
Students will be evaluated in the following areas:

1. Patient Encounter Notes
   a. Each student will be expected to write patient encounter notes as a part of this experience. The intention is for each student to write at least one history & physical and one follow-up SOAP note; however, the exact type and number of notes written by each student will depend on the number of patients seen. Students who see patients in tandem with another student may submit a single note that is the combined effort of both students. Preceptors will provide either written or verbal feedback on the submitted notes. According to feedback, adjustments may be necessary and the student(s) will be expected to make them accordingly. These notes become a part of the patient’s permanent record.
   b. Students should turn in all notes to the student clinic secretary, Nancy Goulet (hard copy or email).
2. Professionalism
   a. Students are expected to adhere to the standards of professionalism outlined in the UNECOM student manual.
   b. Students are expected to adhere to national HIPPA guidelines at all times.
   c. Students are expected to be present for all session to which they are assigned.
   d. Students are expected to submit all notes in accordance with the guidelines and timeframes as outlined in this document.