

Principle Educational Goals For the Internal Medicine Ward Rotation

In the tables below, the principle educational goals for the Inpatient Floor rotations are indicated for each of the six ACGME competencies. The second column should be used to document residents competency in that area.

1) Patient Care

Principle Educational Goals	Competency Demonstrated*
Interview patients skillfully	
Examine patients skillfully	
Define and prioritize patients' medical problems	
Generate and prioritize differential diagnoses	
Develop rational, evidence-based management strategies	

2) Medical Knowledge

Principle Educational Goals	Competency Demonstrated*
Expand clinically applicable knowledge base of the basic and clinical sciences underlying the care of medical inpatients	
Access and critically evaluate current medical information and scientific evidence relevant to patient care	

3) Practice-Based Learning and Improvement

Principle Educational Goals	Competency Demonstrated*
Identify and acknowledge gaps in personal knowledge and skills in the care of hospitalized patients	
Develop and implement strategies for filling gaps in knowledge and skills	

4) Interpersonal Skills and Communication

Principle Educational Goals	Competency Demonstrated*
Communicate effectively with patients and families	
Communicate effectively with physician colleagues at all levels	
Communicate effectively with all non-physician members of the health care team to assure comprehensive and timely care of hospitalized patients	
Present patient information concisely and clearly, verbally and in writing	
Teach colleagues effectively	

5) Professionalism

Principle Educational Goals	Competency Demonstrated*
Behave professionally toward towards patients, families, colleagues, and all members of the health care team	

6) Systems-Based Practice

Principle Educational Goals	Competency Demonstrated*
Understand and utilize the multidisciplinary resources necessary to care optimally for hospitalized patients.	
Collaborate with other members of the health care team to assure comprehensive patient care	
Use evidence-based, cost-conscious strategies in the care of hospitalized patients	

Recommended Resources

- All residents are expected to read about their patients in an appropriate textbook and journals. Because it is frequently updated, extensively referenced, and includes abstracts of referenced articles, the program also provides **UpToDate** as a resource.