Advanced Pediatric Interviewing
Mini-Elective
Spring 2015

Course Dates: January 13, 20, 27 and February 3
Tuesday evenings, 5:30-7:00 PM

*Orientation— January 6
5:30-6:00 PM

Maximum Students: 6

Class Year: MS2

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Description:
This mini-elective course takes place over a four-week period with four 1.5-hour meetings per course. For each session, three students are each assigned an illness or diagnosis, and three students are assigned the task of interviewing. The “patient” student can portray a patient (say, a teenager) or a parent. The interviewing student has 20 minutes to obtain a history from the “patient” student in order to reach a reasonable differential diagnosis based solely on history. Faculty are present for the sessions to provide direct feedback and to suggest different lines of questioning for the interviewers. At the end of the 20 minute history, the interviewer summarizes the history and offers a differential diagnosis. The “patient” student then reveals the diagnosis, giving a brief discussion of the typical presentation and history. The other students and faculty then comment on the “interviewing” student’s technique. Each student has the opportunity to be “patient” or “interviewer” in each session.

This course has been enthusiastically received by students who have taken it in the past. It is our impression that students who have participated in the course had improved facility with pediatric interviews during their required clerkship in Pediatrics.

Objectives:
• To enhance directed interviewing skills.
• To become familiar with aspects of the pediatric history.
• To gain an appreciation of the skills involved in assimilating information obtained from the history.
- To develop the ability to formulate a differential diagnosis.
- To become familiar with the presentation of common pediatric illnesses.
- To develop and refine interviewing techniques as they apply to pediatric diseases.
- To become familiar with thought processes involved in determining a differential diagnosis.
- To increase students' understanding of more common diagnostic entities in terms of history and common manifestations.

Requirements:
- Attendance and participation in the brief orientation and all 4 course sessions is **MANDATORY**.
- Out-of-class research on the assigned diagnoses, as preparation for in-class role play related to the condition.

**COURSE OVERVIEW**

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**Logistics of the Course:**
The course will run for 4 weeks for 1.5 hours per week. There will be a 30 minute orientation session before the course commences. Orientation will take place on January 6, 2015 at 5:30pm at CHP-Lawrenceville (Room TBA)

**Location:**
All sessions: CHP-Lawrenceville (Room TBA)

*If you plan to drive, you will be able to park in the North Staff Garage (ONLY) providing you have a new-CHP ID badge and have completed a parking application. Please contact Marlynn Haigh at marlynn.haigh@chp.edu and she can help you with this information.*

**Specifics of the Course:**
- For each session, one student will be the “patient” or “parent” (with an assigned illness) and the other student will be the interviewer. The student with the assigned illness will be required to research that particular illness prior to the session. Acting as “patient” or “parent”, the student will have a chief complaint. It will be the duty of the interviewer to ascertain a reasonable differential diagnosis through exploration of the history of present illness (HPI) in approximately 20 minutes.
- As the interview progresses, it will be the responsibility of the preceptor to ask the interviewer what he or she is thinking and try to keep the interviewer on track (by suggesting further questions or areas to cover, without being too obvious as to the diagnosis).
- At the end of the 20 minutes, the interviewer will summarize the “patient’s” history and offer a differential diagnosis
- Following this, the patient will reveal the diagnosis and give a brief talk discussing it. Key elements in the history not explored by the interviewer may be discussed.
- The “patient” student may choose to provide a printed handout describing the “diagnosis” that is distributed to the group.