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## Advanced Pediatric Interviewing Mini-Elective Spring 2019

Course Dates: January 8, 15, 22, 29  
Tuesday Afternoons—\***3:00-5:00 PM**  
OR  
Tuesday Evenings—\***5:00-7:00 PM**  
**\*indicate time preference at registration**

Orientation— To be determined  
5:00-6:00 PM

Maximum Students: 10-12  
(5-6 students in 3:00-5:00 slot and  
5-6 students in 5:00-7:00 slot)

Class Year: MS2

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### Description:

This year's mini-elective enrollment will increase from 6 students to 12 students and will be offered at two different times on Tuesdays. If there is a minimum of 10 students enrolled, there will be a 3pm session for half of the group and a 5pm session for the other half, for 4 weeks. **Please indicate your time preference at the time of registration.**

This mini-elective course takes place over a four-week period with four 2 hour meetings per course. For each session, students are assigned an illness or diagnosis, or 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 develop the ability to formulate a differential diagnosis.
- To become familiar with the presentation of common pediatric illnesses.
- 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 and refine interviewing techniques as they apply to pediatric diseases.

### 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**

### **Advanced Pediatric Interviewing**

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**\*\*ORIENTATION: TBD —5:00-6:00 PM**

### ***Logistics of the Course:***

The course will run for 4 weeks for 2 hours per week. There will be an orientation session before the course commences.\*\*

### **Location:**

**ORIENTATION ONLY: UPMC University Center**, 120 Lytton Avenue (off Bigelow Blvd.). There is a parking (paid) garage and a guard for any issues getting into the building. Take the elevator to the 2nd floor, make a left, then make the next left down the hallway. Conference Room is on the left (no room number associated with the conference room). **See map on following page.**

### **All other 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, the preceptor may inquire about the interviewer's thought process or offer non-leading suggestions for re-direction.
- 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.

## LOCATION FOR ORIENTATION SESSION ONLY—Tuesday, December 4

### Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine

UPMC University Center  
120 Lytton Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Validated parking will be available at the UPMC University Center Garage. Maximum vehicle height for the garage is 6'1".

Street parking also will be available.

