IM 655
Nephrology Clerkship
Selective/Elective Clerkship Rotation Syllabus

Osteopathic Medical Specialties

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At MSUCOM, we are constantly working to improve our curriculum and to meet new AOA accreditation guidelines. While major changes will generally be instituted at the beginning of the school year, most minor changes may be implemented semester to semester.

Please be mindful of the need to read your syllabus BEFORE beginning your rotations.
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Pre-Approval and Pre-Requisites

- An application is required for every selective/elective rotation.
- 30-day advance application approval required (applies to a rotation add, change or cancellation)

General Description

This course is designed to provide the student with an opportunity to actively engage in patient-based, learning experiences under the guidance of a faculty member (preceptor) in collaboration, as appropriate, with residents and/or fellows.

Rotations are typically two weeks, 3 credit hours or four weeks, 6 credit hours in duration. Timeframes for each rotation are decided at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the rotation.

Rotation schedules are not to be submitted until the last Friday-Sunday of the rotation. You must document your actual schedule worked. You are required to document any time off for illness, boards, etc. that caused a deviation from the schedule you were provided. All rotation days must be accounted for.

The overall performance of course participants will be evaluated through customary assessment instruments normally employed by the department for core rotations, at the discretion of the instructor of record

Educational / Instructional Goals & Objectives

Course participants will:

A. Develop an appreciation of the practice of nephrology as related to the specialty of the preceptor.

B. Assimilate what they learn and demonstrate their understanding of patient-care through ongoing interaction and dialogue with, as well as formative feedback from, the preceptor.

C. Demonstrate an understanding of the (seven) osteopathic core competencies (as applicable).

Educational Goals:
The nephrology rotation is intended to provide the student with hands on experience in the evaluation and treatment of various conditions related to nephrology.

1. The clinical experience will emphasize the diagnosis and management of acute and chronic renal diseases.
2. The clinical experience will emphasize evaluation of risk factors, and management of risk factors to prevent disease advancement if possible.
3. The clinical experience will include learning to perform a complete and accurate patient history and physical exam.
4. The clinical experience will include identification and indications for appropriate diagnostic studies.
5. The clinical experience will help the student identify the first line therapy for common renal disorders.

Nephrology Competencies/Objectives

CLINICAL EVALUATION OF KIDNEY FUNCTION

1) Define and describe the importance of the glomerular filtration rate (GFR) in the setting of normal kidney function and compromised kidney function
2) Be familiar with how to calculate the GFR using various mathematical equations
3) Describe the role of serum creatinine, creatinine clearance and blood urea nitrogen (BUN), in regards to proper kidney function

4) Explain how to interpret a dipstick urinalysis and urine microscopy
   a) Recognize the pathophysiology and conditions associated with various urine casts

5) Define hematuria and review the proper work-up of hematuria

6) Be familiar with how to quantify proteinuria and the proper work up of proteinuria

7) Explain the various imaging studies used to assess kidney function

8) Review the indications, risks and benefits of a kidney biopsy

FLUIDS AND ELECTROLYTES

1) Define osmolality and be familiar with how to calculate the plasma osmolality

2) Be familiar with how to calculate the osmolal gap and explain its significance

3) Define hyponatremia and the various risk factors for hyponatremia

4) Review the approach to the patient with hyponatremia using plasma osmolality, urine osmolality, and volume status

5) Review the treatment of acute and chronic hyponatremia

6) Define hypernatremia and its associated risk factors

7) Review the approach to the patient with hypernatremia

8) Differentiate between central and nephrogenic diabetes insipidus with regard to pathophysiology, diagnosis and treatment

9) Define hypokalemia and review the mechanism, causes and proper evaluation of hypokalemia

10) Describe the clinical manifestations and treatment of hypokalemia

11) Define hyperkalemia and review the mechanism, causes and proper evaluation of hyperkalemia

12) Describe the clinical manifestations and treatment of hyperkalemia

13) Review hypophosphatemia and hyperphosphatemia with regard to its pathophysiology, causes, evaluation and proper treatment

ACID BASE DISORDER

1) Review how to interpret arterial blood gases and be able to classify each condition as acidosis or alkalosis, respiratory or metabolic and acute or chronic
   a) Be familiar with the expected compensation of each of these conditions

2) Review the causes, clinical manifestations and proper evaluation of metabolic acidosis
   a) Be familiar with the role of the anion gap, how to calculate it and the conditions associated with a high and low anion gap
   b) Be familiar with how to calculate the urine anion gap and be able to interpret its value
   c) Review the causes of normal anion gap metabolic acidosis and anion gap metabolic acidosis

3) Review the causes, clinical manifestations and proper evaluation of metabolic alkalosis
   a) Differentiate between saline-responsive and saline resistant metabolic alkalosis using the effective arterial blood volume and urine chloride

4) Review the causes, clinical manifestations and proper evaluation of respiratory alkalosis
   a) Review the acute and chronic compensations
   b) Briefly discuss the treatment of respiratory alkalosis

5) Review the causes, clinical manifestations and proper evaluation of respiratory acidosis
   a) Review the criteria for acute and chronic respiratory acidosis
   b) Briefly discuss the treatment of respiratory acidosis

HYPERTENSION (HTN)

1) Review the epidemiology and risk factors associated with HTN

2) Be familiar with the current JNC7 and JNC8 guidelines for normal blood pressure, prehypertension, stage 1 HTN and stage 2 HTN

3) Review the pathogenesis and management of essential HTN

4) Review the incidence, pathophysiology, risk factors and management of secondary HTN including
a) Kidney disease  
b) Primary Aldosteronism  
c) Renovascular HTN  
d) Pheochromocytoma  

5) Understand the characteristics of white coat HTN and be familiar with its management

TUBULOINTERSTITIAL DISORDERS  
1) Review the pathophysiology, clinical manifestations, diagnosis and evaluation of the various tubulointerstitial diseases including: those caused by:  
a) Immunologic  
b) Infectious  
c) Malignancy  
d) Medications  
e) Metabolic factors  
f) Obstruction  
2) Discuss the proper management of tubulointerstitial diseases

GLOMERULAR DISEASE  
1) Review the pathophysiology and clinical manifestations of glomerular diseases  
2) Differentiate between the nephrotic and nephritic syndrome  
3) Review the conditions that cause the nephrotic syndrome with regard to the pathophysiology, diagnosis, clinical manifestations and management  
a) Minimal Change disease  
b) Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis  
c) Membranous Nephropathy  
d) Secondary causes including diabetic nephropathy, amyloidosis, multiple myeloma and HIV  
4) Review the conditions that cause the nephritic syndrome with regard to the pathophysiology, diagnosis, clinical manifestations and management  
a) IgA Nephropathy  
b) Membranoproliferative Glomerulonephritis  
c) Hepatitis C and B Virus associated kidney disease  
d) Poststreptococcal Glomerulonephritis  
e) Lupus nephritis  
f) Anti-Glomerular Basement Membrane Antibody Disease  
g) Small and Medium Vessel Vasculitis  
h) Thrombotic Microangiopathy

ACUTE KIDNEY INJURY  
1) Describe the characteristics/criteria of acute kidney injury (AKI)  
2) Discuss the clinical manifestations and proper evaluation of AKI  
a) Be familiar with how to calculate the fractional excretion of sodium (FE\textsubscript{Na}) and its implication  
3) Be familiar with the following classifications of AKI with respect to pathophysiology, risk factors, prevention and treatment  
a) Prerenal Azotemia  
i. Volume depletion  
ii. Hypotension  
b) Intrarenal Disease  
i. Acute Tubular Necrosis  
ii. Contrast Induced nephropathy  
iii. Rhabdomyolysis and pigment nephropathy  
v. Acute interstitial nephritis
c) **Postrenal Disease**  
i. Obstruction

4) Briefly review the pathophysiology, criteria and treatment of  
a) Cardiorenal syndrome  
b) Hepatorenal syndrome

**KIDNEY STONES**  
1) Discuss the pathophysiology and epidemiology of kidney stones  
2) Discuss the clinical manifestation and proper diagnosis of kidney stones  
3) Review the risk factors and prevention of the following types of stones  
a) Calcium Oxalate stones  
b) Struvite stones  
c) Cystine stones  
d) Uric Acid stones  
4) Discuss the proper management of kidney stones both in the acute and chronic setting

**CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE**  
1) Define chronic kidney disease (CKD) and be familiar with its various stages  
2) Review the pathophysiology and epidemiology of CKD  
3) Review the screening protocols for patients at high risk of CKD  
4) Explain the clinical manifestations and proper evaluation of CKD  
5) Discuss the pathophysiology, risks and management of the complications of CKD including:  
a. Cardiovascular  
b. Anemia  
c. Chronic kidney disease and mineral and bone disorders  					i. Renal osteodystrophy  
6) Explain the role, indications, and various types of dialysis  
a. Discuss the common complications associated with dialysis  
7) Be familiar with the role of **kidney transplantation** in the patient with CKD

**Competencies/Objectives**

**Teaching Methods:** The student is expected to function as a viable member of the supervising physician health care team. Assigned student responsibilities can include: supervised first patient contact in the office or clinic, the completion of admission history and physicals, the completion of pre-rounding progress notes on assigned patients, participation in conducting and the interpretation of diagnostic testing and clinical management.

**Participation in Clinical Conferences and/or Structured Educational Programs:** The student is expected to participate in clinical conferences and educational programs appropriate for the clerkship course including those generally associated with residency educational programs.

**Evaluation:** The student is encouraged to solicit feedback related to his/her clinical performance on a daily basis. The student should receive formative performance evaluations at the mid-point and end of the rotation that outlines faculty perceived strengths and weaknesses related to the student’s performance that includes recommendations for strengthening his/her performance as warranted.
College Program Objectives

In addition to the above course-specific goals and learning objectives, this clerkship rotation also facilitates student progress in attaining the College Program Objectives. Please refer to the complete list provided on the MSUCOM website.

Reference Materials

Review of the Nephrology Modules from the Genitourinary course pack will be of value to the student. There is no assigned textbook. Reading assignments are under the purview of the preceptor. See reference sheet attached.

Student Responsibilities

Course participants will meet the preceptor on the first day of the rotation at a predetermined location to be oriented to rotation hours, location(s), and expected duties and responsibilities while on-service.

• The student will meet the following clinical responsibilities during this rotation:
  o Students are expected to function collaboratively on health care teams that include health professionals from other disciplines in the provision of quality, patient-centered care.

• The student will meet the following academic responsibilities during this rotation:
  o Students are expected to identify, access, interpret and apply medical evidence contained in the scientific literature related to patients health problems.
  o Students are expected to: assess their personal learning needs specific to this clinical rotation, engage in deliberate, independent learning activities to address their gaps in knowledge, skills or attitudes; and solicit feedback and use it on a daily basis to continuously improve their clinical practice.
## Rotation Clinical Requirements

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<td>“Evaluate” Link in Kobiljak Schedule</td>
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<td>Patient Types and Procedure Log</td>
<td>See page 12 at end of syllabus and upload into D2L Dropbox for the course</td>
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<td>Clinical Shift Schedule</td>
<td>Online D2L Drop Box if you have access to a scanner -or- Mail to: MSUCOM, Dept of OMS ATTN: Steve Stone 909 Fee Rd., B315A West Fee Hall East Lansing, MI 48824</td>
<td>Not to be submitted until the last Friday-Sunday of the rotation, and must be the schedule you worked, not what you were scheduled to work.</td>
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### IM 655 Nephrology Corrective Action Policy

There is no Corrective Action Policy or Plan as there are no graded components to the IM 655 rotation. All items with the exception of the attending evaluation are under the direct control of the student and there is no reason that they cannot be completed in a timely fashion. If the student has an extension in the rotation due to some verifiable reason, then they will receive this same extension for submitting the required end of rotation paperwork.
Unsatisfactory Clinical Performance

A student’s clinical performance will be assessed through the Attending Clinical Clerkship Rotation Evaluation. Unsatisfactory Attending Evaluations are governed by the Policy for Retention, Promotion and Graduation (4.e).

An overall “Below Expectations” rating on Section 1 of the Clinical Clerkship Rotation Evaluation will be referred to the Instructor of Record/Department Chairperson for review and grade determination. Students who receive two or more Clinical Clerkship Rotation Evaluations with an overall “Below Expectations” rating will be referred to the COSE Clerkship Performance Subcommittee for review.

An overall “Below Expectations” rating on Section 2 of the Clinical Clerkship Rotation Evaluation will be referred to the Associate Dean/Student Services. In consultation with the Instructor of Record/Department Chairperson a determination of action will be reached.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The student will maintain an “Extended” (ET) grade until they have successfully completed all academic and clinical requirements for the course.

MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine Standard Policies

The following are standard MSUCOM policies across all Clerkship rotations.

Attendance Policy

Clerkship activities are mandatory and timely attendance is expected at all educational events.

In the event a student must be absent from clerkship activities, he/she must, firstly, have prior approval from the Graduate Medical Education office (DME/DIO, Clerkship Director, and/or Student Clerkship Coordinator per the rotation sites process/policy). The clinical preceptor must also approve the absence, and determine an acceptable make-up plan which may include, but is not limited to: additional time on rotation, additional presentation(s), or written assignment(s). In the event of an emergency, the student must contact the Graduate Medical Education office and clinical preceptor as soon as the situation allows. Any exception to this attendance policy for any given rotation will be noted in the course syllabus.

Abuse of this policy, as determined by the GME office or a clinical preceptor, may be documented in a student evaluation(s) and/or reported to the Associate Dean of Student Services at MSUCOM via the Student Incident Report Form: http://com.msu.edu/Students/Registrar/Policies.htm or via phone call to the Associate Dean of Student Services (517-353-8799).

ROTATION SPECIFIC EXCEPTIONS TO THE ABOVE ATTENDANCE POLICY: NONE
Policy for Medical Student Supervision

Supervisors of the Medical Students in the Clinical Setting

The MSUCOM curriculum includes required clinical experiences in a variety of clinical learning environments. The role of the student is to participate in patient care in ways that are appropriate for the student's level of training and experience and to the clinical situation. The student’s clinical activities will be under the supervision of licensed physicians. This supervising physician may delegate the supervision of the medical student to a resident, fellow, or other qualified healthcare provider, however, the supervising physician retains full responsibility for the supervision of the medical students assigned to the clinical rotation and must ensure his/her designee(s) are prepared for their roles for supervision of medical students.

The physician supervisor and his/her designee(s) must be members in good standing in their facilities and must have a license appropriate to his/her specialty of practice and be supervising the medical student within that scope of practice as delineated by the credentialing body of the facility.

Level of Supervision/Responsibilities

Clinical supervision is designed to foster progressive responsibility as a student progresses through the curriculum, with the supervising physicians providing the medical student the opportunity to demonstrate progressive involvement in patient care. MSUCOM students will be expected to follow clinical policies of the facility regarding medical records and clinical care. Medical student participation in patient history/physical exam, critical data analysis, management, and procedures will include factors, but not limited to:

- The students demonstrated ability
- The students level of education and experience
- The learning objectives of the clinical experience

First and second year medical students will be directly supervised at all times (supervising physician or designee present or immediately available.

Third and fourth year medical students will be supervised at a level appropriate to the clinical situation and student’s level of experience. For some tasks, indirect supervision may be appropriate for some students. Direct supervision would be appropriate for advanced procedures.

Supervising physicians will provide medical students with timely and specific feedback on performance. The supervising physician will complete a mid-rotation evaluative discussion with the medical student. Supervising physicians will complete a summative evaluation and are encouraged to contact the course/clerkship director with any gaps in student performance.

Medical students with any concern regarding clinical, administrative, and educational or safety issues during his/her rotation will be encouraged to contact the supervising physician or clerkship/course director.
Statement of Professionalism

Principles of professionalism are not rules that specify behaviors, but guidelines that provide direction in identifying appropriate conduct. These principles include the safety and welfare of patients, competence in knowledge and skills, responsibility for consequences of actions, professional communication, confidentiality, and lifelong learning for maintenance of professional skills and judgments. Professionalism and professional ethics are terms that signify certain scholastic, interpersonal and behavioral expectations. Among the characteristics included in this context are the knowledge, competence, demeanor, attitude, appearance, mannerisms, integrity and morals displayed by the student to faculty, peers, patients and colleagues in other health care professions. Students are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a professional manner and to exhibit characteristics of a professional student.

Students Rights and Responsibilities

Each individual student is responsible for their behavior and is expected to maintain standards of academic honesty. Students share the responsibility with faculty for creating an environment that supports academic honesty and principles of professionalism. Proper relationship between faculty and student are fundamental to the college's function and this should be built on mutual respect and understanding together with shared dedication to the education process. It is a fundamental belief that each student is worthy of trust and that each student has the right to live in an academic environment that is free of injustice caused by dishonesty. While students have an obligation to assist their fellow students in meeting the common goals of their education, students have an equal obligation to maintain the highest standards of personal integrity.

Faculty Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the college faculty to specify the limits of authorized aid (including but not limited to exams, study aids, internet resources and materials from senior students) in their syllabi, and it is the responsibility of students to honor and adhere to those limits. Course instructors shall inform students at the beginning of the semester of any special criteria of academic honesty pertinent to the class or course. It is the responsibility of the clinical faculty to provide students with ongoing feedback during rotation upon request. Clinical faculty are generally recommended (though not required) to limit student assigned duty hours from 40 to 60 hours weekly (and not exceeding 60 hours). Both faculty and students are to be treated fairly and professionally in order to maintain a proper working relationship between trainer and trainee.

Course Grades

- **P-Pass** – means that credit is granted and that the student achieved a level of performance judged to be satisfactory according to didactic and clinical performance by the department.
- **N-No Grade** – means that no credit is granted and that the student did not achieve a level of performance judged to be satisfactory according to didactic and clinical performance by the department.
- **ET-Extended Grade** – means that a final grade ("Pass" or "No Grade") cannot be determined due to one or more missing course requirements. Once all course requirements have been completed, received, and processed, the ET grade will be changed to a final grade. An "ET" will NOT remain on a student’s transcript.

N-GRADE POLICY

- Remediation is not offered for Clerkship courses. Any student who receives an N grade in the Clerkship Program will be required to appear before the COSE Clerkship Performance Subcommittee (COSE).
Rotation Evaluations

**Attending/Faculty/Resident Evaluation of Student**

Students are responsible for assuring that his/her clinical supervisor receives the appropriate evaluation form. Forms can be accessed via the “Attending Evaluation” link in the student’s Kobiljak online Clerkship schedule.

Students should assertively seek feedback on his/her performance throughout the course of the clinical rotation. Students should also sit down and discuss the formal evaluation with the clinical supervisor.

Students should keep a copy of the evaluation and turn the original in to the “Office of the Registrar” upon their return from the rotation. Any evidence of tampering or modification while in the possession of the student will be considered “unprofessional behavior” resulting in an “N” grade and review by the Committee on Student Evaluation (COSE) and/or the College Hearing Committee.

Grades are held until all rotation requirements, including evaluation forms, are received. Be sure you are using the correct form.

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**Student Evaluation of Rotation**

Students will submit their rotation evaluations electronically at the conclusion of every rotation by accessing their online schedule through Kobiljak. [http://Kobiljak.msu.edu](http://Kobiljak.msu.edu)

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**Exposure Incidents Protocol**

You must also notify your attending and the DME Office of your base institution of the incident. A form has been developed by the University to report exposure incidents. These forms should be on file in your DME's office. While on rotations that occur outside of the base hospital system notify your attending immediately of any exposure, and follow the MSU procedure for evaluation and treatment. The form can be accessed at [www.com.msu.edu/AP/clerkship_program/clerkship_documents/exposure.pdf](http://www.com.msu.edu/AP/clerkship_program/clerkship_documents/exposure.pdf). Please make yourself familiar with the procedure and the form.
# Patient Types and Procedure Log

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Harrisons Principles of Internal Medicine 19th edition (available online from MSU Libraries)

Chapter 61 Azotemia and urinary abnormalities

Chapter 62e Atlas of urinary sediments and renal biopsies

Chapter 63 Fluid and Electrolyte disturbances

Chapter 64e Fluid and electrolyte imbalances and acid-base disturbances: case examples

Chapter 66 Acidosis and alkalosis

Chapter 298 Hypertensive vascular disease

Chapter 332e Cellular and molecular biology of the kidney

Chapter 334 Acute kidney injury

Chapter 335 Chronic kidney disease

Chapter 336 Dialysis in the treatment of renal failure

Chapter 338 Glomerular diseases

Chapter 340 Tubulointerstitial diseases of the kidney

Chapter 341 Vascular injury to the kidney

Chapter 342 Nephrolithiasis
Hypertension references (JNC 7 and JNC 8):


