PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION ROTATION

Goal: To know and understand the process of assisting patients reach the greatest possible restoration of physical, vocational, and psychological function given the extent of impairment and illness by the current and best interventions of the discipline of physical and rehabilitative medicine.

Objectives: In the following general competencies, the resident will able to:

Patient Care

… Assess for rehabilitation potential and specific interventions.
… Evaluate daily self-care issues.
… Assess for Gait and mobility.
… Understand speech and language disability evaluation.
… Understand swallowing dysfunction evaluation.
… Understand which patients would benefit from rehabilitative services.

Medical Knowledge

… Develop expertise in the musculoskeletal exam as it relates to physical medicine and rehabilitation.
… Gain familiarity with electro-diagnosis and the appropriate use of EMG studies.

Practice-Based Learning

… Develop skills to obtain, evaluate, and apply appropriate medical literature.
… Develop skills to appropriately use information technology.

Interpersonal and Communication Skills

… Develop skills to present pertinent information to patients and families of patients.
… Gain the ability to coordinate care with the other health professionals involved in physical medicine and rehabilitation. This includes, but is not limited to physical staff, speech pathology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, social workers, and care managers.

Professionalism

… Demonstrate reliability and maintain ethical principles when carrying out assigned duties.

Systems-Based Practice

… Develop the ability to coordinate a plan with the physician for further diagnostic testing, treatment and rehabilitation.
… Gain an understanding of the medicolegal issues involved in occupational disability as it related to rehabilitation.