Forensic Psychiatry Track:

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Goals:
PGY 1
- Develop an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a forensic psychiatrist.
- Develop an understanding of the difference between a forensic and a clinical practice with respect to: who is the client, the focus of the evaluation, issues of confidentiality, sources of information, voluntary versus involuntary roles of patients, and the role of diagnosis.
- Develop an understanding of the distinction between forensic and clinical goals for evaluations with respect to: threats to validity, dynamics and relationships, perspective of client.
PGY 2
- Develop an understanding of how research methodology in forensic settings differs from other psychiatric settings.
- Develop an introductory level of understanding of risk management issues with forensic patients in a minimal security setting of a forensic psychiatric hospital and in the community.
- Develop an introductory level of understanding of public policy issues involving the mentally ill involved in the criminal justice system.
- Develop an understanding of court procedures and the role of an expert witness in criminal and civil cases.
PGY 3
- Proficiency in treating criminals with mental illness.
- Proficiency in treating forensic psychiatric hospital patients in a minimal security setting and community settings.
- Proficiency in presenting at regional or national meetings.
PGY 4
- Proficiency in teaching residents on selected forensic psychiatry topics.
- Proficiency in writing for forensic journals, online publications, and courts.
- Define specialized area of interest in forensic psychiatry.

Objectives:
- Understand roles and responsibilities of a forensic psychiatrist in clinical care of inmates, forensic psychiatric patients, public policy development, and as an expert witness in civil and criminal procedures.
- Possess an understanding of the differences between clinical care in a forensic setting and in other psychiatric settings.
- Understand the issues relevant to research in a forensic setting.
- Design, complete, report, and present results of forensic psychiatry academic project.
- Begin development of expertise in a specialized area of forensic psychiatry.
- Submit manuscript for publication.

PGY I
- Develop and give 1 hour lecture/presentation on forensic topic with faculty.
- Apply for forensic psychiatry track in second half of PGY 1 year.
- Maximum of 3 residents/year accepted in track.

PGY II
- Didactics: Research design and methodology in forensic settings. Introduction to public policy issues involving mentally ill individuals and the criminal justice system. Introduction to court procedures and the role of the expert witness.
- Observe expert witness testimony and court procedures.
- One month forensic psychiatry elective with Dr Hogan in the 1st half of the academic year.
- Design and submit for presentation, academic project to present at American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law Conference during October of PGY III year.

PGY III
- Didactics: Clinical care in correctional settings and forensic psychiatric hospitals.
- Present educational project at American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law or other regional or national meeting.

PGY IV
- Didactics: Advanced public policy. Writing for the courts. Writing for professional journals.
- 3/4 month forensic elective developing specialized areas of forensic interest.
- Submit manuscript for publication.