

Psychiatry Clerkship Clinical Sites

AU Medical Center:

Consult/Liaison Psychiatry Inpatient Unit

MCG Hospital & Clinics
1120 15th Street
Augusta, Georgia 30912

Schedule: Monday-Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Attending:

Vanessa Spearman, MD -Pgr. 1073, espearman@augusta.edu

The Consultation/Liaison Inpatient Psychiatry Unit is a service that provides psychiatric consultation to all medical and surgical services at MCG Hospital. It also provides emergency psychiatric consultation to the Ambulatory Care Clinics at MCG. During this rotation, students will learn how to do psychiatric evaluations and recommend treatment options for patients who are experiencing psychiatric symptoms while undergoing medical or surgical treatment. Examples include: Suicidal patients in the medical intensive care unit; pain management for patients in sickle cell crisis or other pain problems on med/surg services; pseudoseizures in patients with epilepsy; depression, anger, psychosis in patients with med/surg problems; delirium and dementia; difficult management problems due to noncompliance, wanting to leave AMA, agitation, combativeness, and other issues.

Student will quickly assume the role of consultant; assessing patients, presenting patients to the consult team, formulating a differential diagnosis, and recommending a treatment plan. They will also follow their patients while they are in the hospital. Students will work with Psychiatry residents, Family Medicine residents and with the Faculty Attending who makes daily rounds with the residents and students. This rotation exposes the students to most psychiatric problems and further gives them the opportunity to see the psychiatry-medicine interface first hand.

Behavioral Health Unit MCG

Hospital & Clinics 1120 15th
Street
Augusta, Georgia 30912

Schedule: Monday-Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Attending:

Joseph Hernandez, MD - JHERNANDEZ@augusta.edu

Students will become familiar with consultation and evaluation of psychiatric patients in an emergency department setting including determining patient safety, patient management, and disposition. They will evaluate patients with psychiatry residents and attendings. Students will also take weeknight short call shifts to broaden this experience.

Lighthouse Care Center of Augusta

3100 Perimeter Parkway
Augusta, Georgia 30909
Phone: 706-651-0005

Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Attendings

Chelsea Carson, MD –chcarson@augusta.edu
Sameera Azeem, MD - SAZEEM@augusta.edu
Sandra Sexson, MD –ssexson@augusta.edu

The Child and Adolescent Inpatient Unit at Lighthouse provides students an opportunity to participate with a multidisciplinary team offering inpatient care to both children and adolescents under the age of eighteen who present with mental health needs. The student works primarily with child and adolescent fellows completing their first year of child sub-specialty training. Average length of stay is five to six days and the predominant focus of treatment is acute stabilization and consultative evaluation. The student can expect to see a full range of psychiatric symptoms, understand psychiatric diagnosis seen in the pediatric population, as well as observe/evaluate and treat disturbances in a child's psychological functioning and social support. Psychiatric diagnosis seen in children and adolescents include ADHD, oppositional defiant disorder, conduct disorder, eating disorders, autism, depression, anxiety, and childhood psychotic disorders.

The ward maintains a structured milieu using a level system, redirection, and other behavioral interventions individually determined. Collaborative work with the educational system, departments of child welfare, and referring physicians offer the student opportunity to experience first-hand the benefit of a multidisciplinary approach in the treatment of children and adolescents. Frequent consultation with pediatric neurology, genetics, and pediatrics offer exposure to these subspecialties. Rounds are held each morning and are attended by the various disciplines of the multidisciplinary team.

AU Psychiatry Outpatient Clinic

Stoney Building (EG) 997 St.
Sebastian Way Augusta,
Georgia 30912
Phone: 706-721-3141

Schedule: varies

Attendings: Eric Lewkowiez, MD, Peter Rosenquist, MD, Dales Peeples, MD, Brian Miller, MD, Chelsea Carson, MD, child psychiatry fellows, senior psychiatry residents

The MCG Outpatient Psychiatry Clinic treats a wide variety of patients from various ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic groups. In addition to treatment by psychiatrist, patients have access to social worker, nurse, psychologist, and an array of services including individual and group therapy and outpatient medication management.

East Central Regional Hospital

3405 Mike Padgett Hwy Augusta,
GA 30906
Phone: 706-792-7021

Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Attendings:

Sandarsh Surya, MBBS sandarsh.surya@dbhdd.ga.gov
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Reddy Shashank , MD reddy.beesamshashank@dbhdd.ga.gov

East Central Regional Hospital is a multi-service facility, which is part of the state mental health system. Junior Medical Students rotate on the Adult Mental Health Unit, which serves to evaluate, diagnose, and treat adult psychiatric patients. The clinical experience includes performing history and physicals and mental status exams on admission, participating in treatment teams, and following patients daily throughout the hospital stay (approximately five patients per student). Varieties of diagnoses are encountered, including Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorder, Major Depression, Intellectual Disability, and Substance Use Disorders.

Eisenhower Army Medical Center

300 Hospital Road
Ft. Gordon, Georgia 30905
Phone: 706-787-5811

Schedule: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Attendings:

The Eisenhower Army Medical Center will include the medical student as an integral part of an Army hospital psychiatry inpatient team on 13-East, an adult inpatient psychiatric unit offering an interdisciplinary approach to soldier care. A significant component of Consult Liaison Psychiatry will be afforded to the rotating student. In addition, an outpatient psychiatry component will be offered, which will include psychiatry walk-in/triage clinic, substance abuse rehabilitation treatment, and psychiatry outpatient office-based care. It is expected that during the rotation the students will have the opportunity to observe neuropsychological evaluations.

While on the inpatient service, students will be expected to participate in morning report, held daily (location and time TBA).

Veterans Affairs Medical Center

1 Freedom Way, Wrightsboro Road
Augusta, Georgia
Phone: 706-733-0188 Ext. 6219

Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Attendings:

Jocelyn Bayliss, MD, jocelyn.bayliss@va.gov
Ananda Pathiraja, MD, ananda.pathiraja@va.gov
Denise Evans, MD, denise.evans@va.gov

The Uptown Division of the VAMC is located on Wrightsboro Road, has over 120 beds, and serves as a network resource for the treatment of spinal cord injury, blind rehabilitation, post-traumatic stress disorder, and psychiatry patients. The medical center provides the student with both an inpatient and outpatient continuum of care experience.

Patients are both male and female, ages 18 and over. They exhibit both acute and chronic mental illness across the broad spectrum of cognitive, mood, anxiety, personality, and substance use disorders. Students benefit from the longer length of stay in hospital, compared to other acute care facilities, and the high level of exposure to attending psychiatrists, most of whom are fellowship trained in psychopharmacology. Night and/or weekend call is at MCG, in rotation with students assigned to the other clinical sites.

Psychiatric Medicine, PC

4849 Paulsen Street, #201
Savannah, GA 31405
Phone: 912-354-8108

Attendings:

Michael C. Mobley, MD, mcmobley@aol.com

Psychiatric Medicine, PC is a busy outpatient psychiatric practice treating adult, adolescent, and geriatric patients. Medical students will participate in new patient evaluations and follow up visits for psychopharmacological management and psychotherapy.

Winn Army Medical Center

1061 Harmon Ave,
Fort Stewart, GA 31314
Phone: 912-435-6663

Attendings:

Kelly Jones, MD
Julie Jensen, MD
Allen Fields, MD

The Behavioral Health team at Winn Army Medical Center provides psychiatric, clinical psychology, and social work services, as appropriate, to maintain the mental health of active duty military personnel, cadets, and other authorized beneficiaries. Services include individual, group, and marital psychotherapy; psychiatric medication management; psychiatric assessment; consultation to medical staff; psychological testing; relaxation and biofeedback therapy; and crisis intervention.

Valdosta Psychiatric Associates, PC

3541 Northcrossing Circle
Valdosta, GA 31602
Phone: 229-244-4200

Attendings:

Joe Morgan, MD - 2444200@bellsouth.net

Students participating in this clinical rotation will experience a mix of inpatient and outpatient treatment. They will be actively involved in the treatment of child, adult, and geriatric patients. The inpatient experience will take place at Greenleaf Center, a 50 bed freestanding psychiatric hospital.

Outpatient experience will take place at Valdosta Psychiatric Associates, a private psychiatric office. Students should have an experience in treating all aspects of psychiatric illness and severity including childhood disorders and substance abuse disorders.

Phoebe Behavioral Health

417 W 3rd Avenue
Albany, GA 31701
Phone: 229-312-1000

Attending: Mfon Inyang, MD

Phoebe Behavioral provides inpatient and outpatient mental health services for adults, geriatric patients and children & adolescents in Albany, GA. Phoebe Behavioral Health Center offers the student the opportunity to interact with adult and geriatric patients with psychiatric disorders in inpatient, outpatient, and consult liaison settings, while children and adolescents are served on outpatient basis and in consultation liaison. The student will participate in the evaluation and pharmacological and psychotherapy treatment and group settings.

Willowbrooke at Tanner

20 Herrell Road Villa
Rica, GA 30180
Phone: 770- 812-3626

Attendings:

Mahaveer Vakharia, MD - docvak@bellsouth.net
Golden Barnett, III, MD - golden.barnett@gmail.com

Willowbrooke at Tanner is the behavioral health service of Tanner Health System, providing a continuum of mental health care and access to clinically proven treatments for a wide range of inpatient and outpatient behavioral health services for children, adolescents, teens and adults, including treatment for depression, drug addiction or substance abuse, anger management, marriage counseling and more.

Northwest Behavioral Medicine

11755 Pointe Place, Suite A-1

Roswell, Georgia 30076

Phone: 770-667-1264

Attendings:

Michael Banov, MD

Northwest Behavioral Medicine (NBM) was founded in 1995 to provide comprehensive outpatient treatment options for individuals, couples, and families across age ranges experiencing mental health problems. Our model is based on a multidisciplinary approach in which psychiatrists, clinical nurse specialists, psychologists, social workers, and licensed professional counselors work together to help people heal. We work with a variety of problems including but not limited to depression, bipolar disorder, substance abuse, anxiety, thought disorders, marriage difficulties, family discord, attention deficit disorder, and stress management.