Psychiatry Clerkship Clinical Sites

AU Medical Center: Students assigned here will spend two weeks on the 3S Adult Geriatric Unit or Lighthouse Care Facility (Child & Adolescent); one week on the 3S Consult/Liaison Unit and one week on the Emergency Department Behavioral Health Unit.

Adult/Geriatric Psychiatry Inpatient Unit
MCG Hospital & Clinics - 3S
1120 15th Street
Augusta, Georgia 30912
Phone: 706-721-2477

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

Attendings:
Joseph McEvoy, MD – jmcevoy@augusta.edu
David Williams, MD - Pgr. 1457, dwilliams2@augusta.edu

Goals:
Students will become proficient in interviewing psychiatric patients. Students will become familiar with DSM IV diagnostic criteria. It is expected that students will acquire psychopharmacology knowledge and basic knowledge of psychotherapy.

Expectations:
The student will be available from 8AM until 5PM daily except for their scheduled classroom activities. If other activities are required of the student, the schedule should be made known to the attending at the beginning of the rotation. Inpatient rounds are made in the morning. The student will carry up to three inpatients.

Consult/Liaison Psychiatry Inpatient Unit
MCG Hospital & Clinics
1120 15th Street
Augusta, Georgia 30912
Phone: 706-721-2477

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; psuedo seizures 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  
Phone: 706-721-2477  

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

*Attending:*  
Anjum Ara, MD - [aara@augusta.edu](mailto:aara@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:*  
Donna Londino, MD - Pgr. 8327, [dlondino@augusta.edu](mailto:dlondino@augusta.edu)  
Chelsea Carson, MD – Pgr. 7911, [chcarson@augusta.edu](mailto:chcarson@augusta.edu)  
Sandra Sexson, MD – [ssexson@augusta.edu](mailto: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 focus is on evaluation including interviews with patient and parents individually and with the family as a unit, educational and occupational assessments, and nursing evaluations.
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*: Claire Slocumb, MD, 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.

**Augusta State Medical Prison (ASMP)**  
3001 Gordon Highway  
Grovetown, GA 30813  
Phone: 706-855-4700

*Schedule*: varies

*Attendings*:  
Niranjini Reddy, MBBS  
Nancy Harpold, DO

The Augusta State Medical Prison (ASMP) is an emergency receiving facility and public state hospital for medically and psychiatrically ill prisoners. It serves a large portion of Augusta and the surrounding counties. A wide array of psychiatric disorders are represented including mood and anxiety disorders, substance abuse, personality disorders, and somatoform disorders. Forensic issues and evaluation of malingering are important foci of training in this setting. The student will participate in new patient evaluations and follow-up of outpatients.

**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*: 
Ishrat Bhat, MD, IBHAT@augusta.edu
Sandarsh Surya, MBBS

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:
Christopher E. Hines, MD, christopher.e.hines@us.army.mil - Lead Preceptor

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.

Behavioral Health Grand Rounds are held each Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. Students will have the opportunity to participate in the monthly case conference presentations. 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:
Adair Blackwood, MD, robert.blackwood@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.

Highland Rivers Center  
180 Water Oak Drive  
Cedartown, GA 30125  
Phone: 770-748-1662

Attending:  
Nizamuddin Khaja, MD, drkhaja@highlandrivers.org

The residential treatment unit at Highland Rivers Center is one of three residential treatment facilities that provide short term crisis stabilization for adult mental health and addictive diseases detoxification. Highland Rivers Stabilization Units do not advertise for services. These units are licensed as Emergency Receiving Facilities and certified by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and are CARF Accredited. Consumers are under the medical care of a physician with 24-hour RN care and Case Managers assisting with aftercare planning and therapeutic services.

The medical student will be an integral part of the treatment team in each of these care settings. The rotation will accommodate one student who will rotate through inpatient and outpatient units.

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

Attendings:  
Michael C. Mobley, MD, mcmobley@aol.com - Lead Preceptor

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.

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.

**St. Simons by the Sea**
2927 Old Demere Rd
St. Simons Island, GA 31522
Phone: 912-638-1999

*Attendings:*
Miguel Martelli, MD – martellimd@yahoo.com

St. Simons by the Sea is a private inpatient facility which serves adult, geriatric, and adolescent population offering mental health and substance use disorder evaluation and treatment. The hospital’s comfortable, supportive environment helps put patients at ease and is an ideal environment for clinical training in psychiatry for junior medical students who can rotate through various care settings in the hospital.

St. Simons by the Sea’s staff has extensive experience in the fields of addiction treatment, recovery, relapse prevention, and mental health treatment.

**Phoebe Behavioral Health**
417 W 3rd Avenue
Albany, GA 31701
Phone: 229-312-7001

*Attending:*
Angela Dawson, MD – akdawson@ppmh.org

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 - gbarnett@tanner.org
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.

**Hope’s Corner**
756 Woodbury Highway
Greenville, GA 30222
706- 775-0544

*Attendings:*
Shane Savage, MD - ssavage@pathwayscsb.org - Lead Preceptor
Byron McQuirt, MD - bmcquirt@pathwayscsb.org

Hope’s Corner at Pathways CSB, Greenville, GA is a child and adolescent crisis stabilization center. One of the few state-funded psychiatric units in Georgia, this facility treats children and adolescents with a variety of disorders. The student will also have access to adults with developmental disorders in a respite center at Pathways.