

Focused Advanced Specialty Track

Geriatric Emergency Medicine

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Number of residents you can accommodate: 1

Are you willing to have your track combined with another one? Yes

- Palliative Care
- Social Emergency Medicine
- Leadership and Administration

Sponsoring Institution: Bayview Medical Center

What other institutions participate in the Program: Division of Geriatrics and Gerontology

Program Curriculum

Goal

With the aging US population, the number of geriatric patients seen in the emergency department continues to increase. These patients present complex medical and social challenges to emergency medicine physicians. Geriatric patients frequently present with more subtle symptoms of serious pathology which may be further complicated by polypharmacy and/or sensory and cognitive impairments. Older patients receive more diagnostic tests and consume more resources and provider time in the ED compared to younger patients. Furthermore, their dispositions are much more complex with the perils of an inpatient admission significant, and often overlooked. The goal of this FAST is to develop a better understand of geriatric syndromes, evaluation and treatment of these syndromes while practicing high value care with a consideration of the goals and personal priorities of older patients who present to the emergency department.

Objectives

1. The resident will be able to rapidly evaluate and identify geriatric syndromes
2. The resident will be able to coordinate and consider multidisciplinary discharge plans for complex geriatric patients, beyond hospital admission
3. The resident will be able to succinctly screen for polypharmacy and make medication changes in high risk geriatric patients
4. The resident will be able to conduct capacity evaluations of acutely and chronically cognitively impaired geriatric patients

5. The resident will prescribe medications both in the ED and at discharge consistent with best practices in older patients
6. The resident will be able to provide, compassionate care with reflection upon patient and family goals within the context and consideration of prognosis in the acutely ill geriatric patient

Opportunities Available to Residents

1. Residents will work with geriatricians at Bayview Medical Center (BMC) on the Geriatric Emergency Department Consult Service. Opportunity for inpatient geriatric consultation and co-management will also be available
2. Residents may work on the the Medical Behavior Unit (MBU) at BMC or the geriatric psychiatry inpatient unit at JHH, working with geriatric psychiatrists and geriatricians in caring for and managing older patients with behaviors disturbances
3. The opportunity to participate in the evaluation of post-ED follow up of geriatric patients in the outpatient clinic or on house calls may also be arranged, if desired
4. Participate and lead clinical education sessions both at conferences within the Department of Emergency Medicine as well as the Division of Geriatrics and Gerontology
5. Writing opportunities may be available for both peer reviewed and society publications
6. Experience working with adult protective services and/or local court-appointment guardians through the Department of Aging may also be available