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Postgraduate Subinternship (PGSI) at Larkin Community Teaching Hospital (Miami, FL)

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AmeriClerkships Medical Society, in partnership with Larkin Community Teaching Hospital, is proud to offer a rare opportunity for its medical graduate members to enroll in Postgraduate Subinternships in >25 specialties, fully sanctioned by the Graduate Medical Education (GME) department of Larkin Community Hospital, in the vibrant Miami, Florida! AMS members will rotate with top teaching attending physicians (and some even with program directors), be involved in patient care teams in both inpatient and outpatient settings, and be able to solicit for performance based letters of recommendation on official GME/teaching hospital letterheads upon successful completion of each clinical block. Please read more below, or visit americlerkships.org/larkinsubi to apply for acceptance.

Description:
The Postgraduate Subinternship (PGSI) for AmeriClerkships medical graduate members at Larkin Community Teaching Hospital is designed to prepare residency candidates who graduated from medical school, for their role as PGY1 interns. After being processed through the Graduate Medical Education office for this Postgraduate Subinternship, you will begin to function as a subintern under the supervision of a resident, or a teaching attending physician, or a residency program faculty, or the program director (Supervisor). As a subintern, you will become a member of the team who provides care to patients seen in outpatient settings, and those admitted to the Supervisor’s inpatient service. The number of patients co-assigned to you as the subintern will be determined by the Supervisor and consultant on the service and will depend on the complexity of the cases, the number of patients, and your clinical skills. In conclusion of this Postgraduate Subinternship, the Graduate Medical Education office will provide AmeriClerkships an official clinical evaluation assessing your performance during this clinical block, and you may request a performance-based letter of recommendation on Graduate Medical Education’s letterhead.

Specific Goals:
1. To learn to participate as an integral member of a medical team.
2. To refine history-taking and physical examination skills.
3. To learn to formulate a problem list and prioritize medical problems.
4. To learn the judicious selection of laboratory and ancillary tests.
5. To learn to institute drug and supportive therapy.
6. To learn to manage acute and chronic medical problems including the use of consultative services.
7. To learn to develop definitive plans for ongoing care and follow-up of dismissed patients.

Activity Outline - As a PGSI, You Are Expected to:
1. Be available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week (including holidays), and have a 100% attendance rate (unless other arrangements have been made with your lead Supervisor).
2. Make arrangements with your Supervisor so that you can attend Larkin’s medical grand rounds, didactics, conferences and seminars at least 3 days/week.

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4. Follow the care of two patients at the beginning of the rotation (under supervision).
5. Follow all patients that you are assigned to and write the necessary mock-admission, mock-daily notes, mock-orders, mock-H&P’s, mock-consults and mock-discharges on non-Larkin stationary (not type in EHR or in patient charts) to be evaluated by a resident or attending physician. Shred all such mock documents at the end of each clinical block in order to ensure that these documents are not used for any patient care, and they do not become a part of patient records/files. Using these mock notes:
   a. Present each new admission to the attending and other members of the service, after patients have been initially admitted and stabilized by Supervisors.
   b. Perform comprehensive histories & assist with physical exams in both inpatient and outpatient settings (under supervision).
   c. Formulate a complete patient problem list emphasizing differential diagnosis for active problems for the Supervisors to evaluate (under supervision).
   d. Formulate a diagnostic and therapeutic plan for active problems for the Supervisors to evaluate (under supervision).
   e. Discuss the management of each new case with the Supervisors (under supervision).
   f. Discuss all orders for assigned patients for the Supervisors to evaluate (but to not write/type in any patient chart).
   g. Visit each patient at least twice daily (early mornings and again in the afternoon or evening; under supervision).
   h. Prepare discharge and off-service summaries on all patients and arrange for follow-up care for the Supervisors to evaluate (under supervision).
6. Assist in performing procedures on assigned cases (under supervision).
7. Take call along with the Supervisors at least once a week (under supervision). Call and days off should be coordinated with the call schedule of the Supervisors on the service whenever possible.
   a. When approved by the Supervisors and when available, and always within hearing and seeing distance of the physician/resident supervisor who is on call, carry the service pager during call nights until 11 p.m. The physician/resident supervisor who is on call is responsible for your supervision, triaging all patients, and giving orders. After 11 p.m., the on-call Supervisor will carry the service pager. If problems that require patient assessment arise on the service after 11 p.m., the on-call Supervisors or resident may contact the subintern to participate.
   b. "Sign out" to the Supervisors AND on-call resident when leaving the hospital to inform them about the status of the patients on his/her service.
8. Function easily within a team of care providers who are assigned to various hospitals, rehab facilities, clinics and clinical sites that are located up to 50 miles away from Larkin.
9. Wear your AmeriClerkships ID badge at all times, and use during all inpatient activities, or when requesting access to any Larkin conferences or didactic session.

Scope of Clinical Activities:
As a PGSI at Larkin Community Teaching Hospital, you will be fully supervised by its Graduated Medical Education (GME) department, and follow the curriculum set by that office. You must never be the one who is responsible for the care being provided to patients, but rather you will be a member of an existing team who provides care to patients seen in outpatient settings, and those admitted to the Supervisor’s inpatient service. You are to introduce yourself by your full name, and designation as a “Subintern”; you are to never introduce yourself as a physician, or a doctor, an MD or DO, or any other designation that would give the patient the impression that you are their healthcare provider, or that you are partaking in any activities that would be considered the practice of medicine without a license. Patients are always first assigned to your Supervisors,
then co-assigned to you to conduct your student-type histories and assist with physical exams. You will be fully supervised by a resident, or a teaching attending physician, or a residency program faculty, or the program director (Supervisor) who bears the full responsibility for patient care at all times, therefore you are never to function alone, or expected to make any decisions on your own. Your Supervisors will expect you to partake in tasks such as writing patient notes, assessments, plans, orders and treatment plans, as well as suggesting laboratory and ancillary tests, treatment plans and follow up care. Note that ALL TASKS must first be discussed, approved and co-signed by your immediate Supervisors, who may then delegate any subsequent duties under supervision. During call nights you will be assigned to a physician/resident supervisor who bears the call responsibilities; you are to always be within hearing and seeing distance of the physician/resident supervisor who is on call, and can hear and intervene on all pages/texts/requests for orders. The physician/resident supervisor who is on call is responsible for triaging all patients, and giving orders.

**Difference Between a Postgraduate vs. Student Subintern**

PGSI is unique to Larkin, and a newly implemented program at Larkin Community Teaching Hospital. Although as a PGSI you may engage in a wide variety of activities (as mentioned in Activities Outline above), you are to watch medicine be practiced, and not be the one who practices medicine without a license. For example, **Students serving as Subinterns** may legally admit their own patients and assume primary responsibility for their complete care. The Student Subintern’s responsibilities will include: writing/typing admission, progress, and discharge notes; developing and implementing diagnostic, therapeutic, and discharge plans; performing all routine procedures; inputting all of their patients’ orders; and communicating with family members, consultants, allied health professionals, and primary care physicians. As a **Postgraduate Subintern**, you will keep your own mock-notes and assist with the above.

**Access to Patient Records:**

Upon your arrival to Larkin Hospital, you must visit the Graduate Medical Education office (Monday-Friday from 9AM to 3PM) and speak with the Clerkship Coordinator to provide you with your own Larkin Electronic Health Records (EHR) username and password, which will give you “View-Only” access to Larkin patients. Do not share your username and password with anyone, and do not use anyone else’s EHR username or password to access the EHR. You are not licensed to practice medicine, therefore you must never input any information into the EHR (under any username) such as (but not limited to) giving orders, prescriptions, histories, physicals, discharge or admission notes, assessments or plans. Violation of this policy can be both a violation of HIPAA, and the unlicensed practice of medicine.

**Method of Evaluation:**

You will be evaluated by your supervising attending physician or other physicians designated by Larkin’s GME Department at the end of your clinical block.

**Absolute Enrollment Criteria:**

1. Willing and able to legally reside in Miami, Florida (U.S.) by at least the Friday before your start date.
2. Can communicate easily in English.
3. Have personal transportation, or be willing to pay for Uber or Lyft (not rely on public transportation).
4. Be available 24/7 (no time off or holidays; 100% mandatory attendance unless arranged with supervisors; expect to be present ~12 hours/day + calls + early mornings & weekend patient rounds).
5. Minimum 4 weeks of U.S. clinical experience within the last 5 years (AmeriClerkships type clinicals experience preferred).
6. Enrollment Quality Control interview with AmeriClerkships Chief Clinical Officer.
7. Flu shot and annual physical exam, in addition to regular AMS required documents for enrollment.

Preference Will be Given to Postgraduate Subinternship Applicants Who Have:
1. Passed at least one USMLE exam.
2. Graduated from medical school within 5 years.
3. Has completed U.S. clinical experiences through AmeriClerkships within the last 2 years.

Larkin, Single GME System and International Medical Graduates (IMG):
In addition to the above stated benefits, IMGs may soon benefit from the 2014 agreement which was entered into between ACGME (allopathic [MD] accredited residencies) and AOA (osteopathic [DO] accredited residencies), allowing AOA-approved training programs in existence on 7/1/2015, to elect to apply for ACGME “pre-accreditation” status, making way for the possibility of IMGs applying to certain AOA/ACGME accredited residency programs by as early as the 2016 Match. As the host to 32 residencies and fellowships, Larkin Community Teaching Hospital (www.graduatemedicaleducation.org/) is recognized as the United State’s largest osteopathic teaching hospital system by number of residencies and trainees, and is planning to transition its AOA accredited residencies and fellowships to ACGME “Pre-accredited” status over the next several years. This means that IMGs may be able to apply to a number of Larkin’s residencies during the 2016-2018 Match, and IMGs who successfully complete a series of Postgraduate Subinternships at Larkin (with accompanying Larkin letters of recommendation) may stand a better chance at being considered for interviews by Larkin residency program directors.

Current medical residencies and fellowships hosted by Larkin:
● 1 Internship (traditional rotating internship in IM, FM, GS, OB, PEDS, EM, analogous to PGY1 Preliminary or Transitional year)
● 13 AOA Residencies (again, soon to be transitioned to ACGME/AOA accredited status):
  1. Anesthesiology
  2. Dermatology
  3. Diagnostic Radiology
  4. Family Medicine
  5. Family Medicine/Neuromuscular Medicine (FM/NMM)
  6. Neuromuscular Medicine
  7. Internal medicine
  8. Neurology
  9. Ophthalmology
 10. Physical Medicine & Rehab
11. Psychiatry
12. Surgery
13. Orthopedic Surgery
● 1 ACGME Residency:
  1. Psychiatry
● 17 AOA Fellowships (again, soon to be transitioned to ACGME/AOA accredited status):
  1. Addiction Medicine
  2. Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
  3. Clinical Allergy & Immunology
  4. Endocrinology
  5. Forensic Psychiatry
  6. Gastroenterology

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For further questions, pricing and enrollment:

Larkin Community Teaching Hospital, in partnership with AmeriClerkships Medical Society, has asked that all correspondences in regards to Postgraduate Subinternship at Larkin Community Teaching Hospital be made solely through AmeriClerkships Medical Society. Please visit americlerkships.org/larkinsubi and complete the online interest form, and an AmeriClerkships Residency Enrollment Strategist will contact you shortly.

I really hope you take advantage of this opportunity. Looking forward to working with you as a member of AmeriClerkships.

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