

Internal Medicine – 4 weeks – 140h
3rd year, 6-year program ED students
Faculty of Medicine

The summer clinical clerkships are mandatory for students to be assigned a pass for the whole year's academic performance since they are an inherent part of the medical instruction provided throughout the year of study.

Upon completion of the third year students are required to have one-month clinical clerkships at a teaching hospital in Poland or selected foreign countries.

The curriculum of clinical clerkship comprises:

a four-week training in the internal medicine ward.

The head of the ward or an appointed assistant is responsible for providing a detailed program of the training and scheduled duties as well as supervision of students' clinical performance.

Students carry out the work which is that of a regular physician and are supervised by a physician in charge.

During the training students are obliged to have four twenty-four-hour shifts (two on each ward) when they accompany the doctor on duty while he/she performs all the necessary clinical activities and procedures.

The goal of the clinical instruction is to make a practical use of the knowledge acquired in the course of the study e.g., bacteriology, virology, pathomorphology, pathophysiology, pharmacology, and particularly of the clinical subjects i.e. introduction, to medicine and pediatrics.

The clinical instruction should include the following aspects:

- information about the organization of medical ward and their cooperation with the outpatients' department,
- further improvement in taking histories and performing physical examination,
- particularly concerned with assessment of patients' general condition and their psychology,
- planning and collecting specimens for accessory investigations and interpretation of the results,
- improving the skills in differentiating and diagnostic basic clinical entities, particularly acute cases, and principles of treatment,
- providing first aid,
- performing everyday clinical procedures (injections and intravenous infusions, catheterization, lumbar puncture, bone marrow puncture and paracentesis of the body cavities), participation in ward rounds and consultations by other specialists

Throughout the course of the training students are expected to make records of their activities and procedures performed. They are also assessed by the instructor in charge and are finally granted their passing mark by the head of the department. Certificates written in English or translated should be submitted to the Dean's Office of the Medical University of Warsaw by September 20th of the subsequent academic year.