



Pediatric Clerkship Goals

The primary goal of the Pediatric Clerkship is to equip medical students with the knowledge and skills of pediatric medicine to be competent military medical officers. A complementary goal is to promote the independent learning skills necessary for life-long learning. We synchronize our clerkship goals with those of the School of Medicine (SOM) as well as the Council on Medical Student Education in Pediatrics (COMSEP), and consistently monitor accomplishment across all of our clerkship sites. Please refer to the entire COMSEP Curriculum, 2005 available on the Clerkship website.

Ten specific goals for the student to attain during the clerkship are:

1. Acquire a basic knowledge of growth and development (physical, physiological, and psychosocial) and of its clinical application from birth through adolescence.
2. Develop communication skills that will facilitate the clinical interaction and collaboration with children, adolescents and their families.
3. Develop competence and comfort in the physical examination of infants, children, and adolescents.
4. Acquire the knowledge necessary for the diagnosis and initial management of common acute and chronic pediatric illnesses.
5. Develop clinical problem-solving skills necessary for life-long medical practice and medical education.
6. Promote an understanding of the influence of family, community, and society on the child in health and disease.
7. Develop an approach to health supervision of children and adolescents, to include disease and injury prevention.
8. Develop the professional behaviors and attitudes appropriate for clinical practice.
9. Acquire an understanding of the approach of pediatricians to the unique health care of children and adolescents.
10. Support the SOM goal of understanding the mission of the military healthcare team and the physician's role as a uniformed officer.