Special Topics in Family and Community Medicine  
Correctional Medicine Elective

Course No.: FCMD 995

Length: 2 or 4 weeks

Faculty: Gordon Harrod, M.D.

Location: El Dorado Correctional Facility

Course Director: Tessa Rohrberg, M.D.

Course Availability: All months with department approval

Eligibility: Fourth year student in good standing

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The DFCM correctional medicine elective is designed for fourth year students who desire to explore primary care medicine offered in a judicial system. The student will be placed at a correctional medicine infirmary for the duration of the elective. During the experience, the student is expected to treat patients under the supervision of the attending faculty, explore health care barriers unique to inmates and become familiar with illnesses prevalent in correctional medicine. A course evaluation will be submitted for academic credit at the end of the rotation.

Objectives:

Upon completion of this elective, a student will be able to:

1. List three barriers to medical care in a correctional facility.
2. Develop a follow up medical plan for at least one inmate anticipating release from the correctional facility.
3. Recognize five illnesses with increased prevalence in a correctional facility.
4. Explain the role of mental illness in correctional medicine.
5. Illustrate professionalism while working with inmates.

Evaluation:

Student performance will be evaluated using the standard elective evaluation form.