

# VCU Memo

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## Medical Center

In the tradition of the Medical College of Virginia

### Goals and Objectives

The AI in Medicine is meant to provide a structured and supervised clinical experience in in-patient Internal Medicine. The AI is meant to build upon the foundations of patient care skills learned during the M3 Clerkship.

During the 4 week AI, the student should:

1. Refine history and physical examination skills.
2. Understand the ethical and legal guidelines governing patient confidentiality.
3. Learn to communicate with patients and patient's family members in both a professional and humanistic fashion.
4. Learn to effectively communicate with physician and non-physician members of the health care team and consultants.
5. Learn how to properly transfer care throughout a patient's hospitalization, including end of the day and end of service coverage.
6. Learn how to access clinical information at the hospital including clinical, laboratory and radiologic data.
7. Be able to document the patient's admission information, daily progress, on-call emergencies, and discharge instructions.
8. Refine the skills necessary to prioritize patient care needs
9. Understand the risks and benefits of invasive procedure.
10. Under supervision, participate in the informed consent process.
11. Arrange appropriate care and follow-up for the patient after discharge from the hospital.
12. In addition to attending Intern conferences and morning reports, AIs should focus on self directed learning. An M4 AI specific syllabus is found on the VCU Department of Medicine website under the link "For Medical Students"

### Textbooks for Subinternship

Textbooks of Internal Medicine are recommended as references. These include Harrison's, Cecil's, and the Stein textbook of Medicine. AIs should review these texts as relevant to their cases, and as relevant to the materials covered in the AI/Subinternship syllabus.

Other materials such as *Up To Date* and *The Washington Manual* are useful for concise reviews of selected topics.