

MEDICINE – (1) APPOINTMENT
(MSGOP APPOINTMENT)

OBJECTIVES

In this appointment, the student is expected to develop

- 1) Clinical skills
- 2) Subject-related knowledge, and
- 3) Bedside manners and professional discipline:

1. Clinical skills

Include skills in communication, clinical techniques, comprehension, documentation, case presentation, and time management.

At the end of the appointment, the student should be able to

- 1.1. Take an adequate history from a patient
- 1.2. Identify, analyze in detail, and interpret all symptoms in the patient
- 1.3. Do a complete physical examination
- 1.4. Elicit and interpret(basic) the physical signs in his patient
- 1.5. Document the history and the physical examination clearly
- 1.6. Write a summary of the history and the physical findings
- 1.7. Present the history and the physical findings at a ward-class
- 1.8. Perform simple ward procedures, such as venepuncture and urine ward test
- 1.9. Do the above within reasonable duration of time

These objectives are achieved by

- a) Clerking patients, and maintaining case records
- b) Attending ward-classes and discussions
- c) Participating in ward activities
- d) Reading a book on clinical methods (e.g. Hutchison's Clinical Methods)

2. Subject-related knowledge

Includes acquiring basic knowledge about common medical diseases and applying the knowledge in pre-and para-clinical sciences interpreting symptoms and signs to arrive at a diagnosis

At the end of the appointment, the student should be able to

- 2.1. Interpret common symptoms and signs on scientific basis
- 2.2. Describe the clinical features, laboratory diagnosis, and basic steps in the management of medical diseases.

These objectives are achieved by

- a) Studying the case histories of patients and their investigation and management
- b) Participating in ward-classes and discussions
- c) Reading a textbook (e.g. Davidson's Principles and Practice of Medicine, Kumar and Clark) about the illness
- d) Referring to the lecture notes (or textbooks) in pre-and para-clinical subjects

3. Bed-side manners and discipline

The student must understand and appreciate that the PATIENT is a Person, a sick human being, NOT a case, a learning object or an experimental animal for your study. The patient needs compassion and empathy, not just treatment. He also has a right to privacy and comfort.

At the end of the appointment, the student should be able to

- 3.1. Take a history and do a physical examination in a professional manner, causing the least discomfort to the patient
- 3.2. Function in a medical ward as a part of a team

During the appointment, the student is expected to

- a) be punctual.
- b) be committed and dedicated to learning.
- c) behave professionally at the bedside and within the hospital.
- d) display a pleasant manner.
- e) dress and conduct in a decent manner.
- f) establish a cordial professional relationship with the various categories of staff in the ward and in the hospital.
- g) work hard.
- h) avoid all acts which could adversely affect the dignity of the Medical Faculty and the Medical Profession.