



# GRMERC

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**ELECTIVE NAME:**

Gastroenterology

**COURSE NO:**

MED 615

**PREREQUISITE:**

Req'd Medicine Clerkship

**INSTITUTION:**

Spectrum Health Butterworth\*  
Spectrum Health Blodgett  
Saint Mary's Health Care

**OBJECTIVES:**

The student will develop basic clinical skills which are important for dealing with G.I. disease.

Student will develop a greater knowledge for the use of special G.I. diagnostic procedures.

Students will learn basic diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to common G.I. problems.

The student will gain a better understanding of the pathophysiology of G.I. disease.

**DESCRIPTION:**

This elective will provide the student with experience and interpretation of G.I. radiographic procedures and performance of sigmoidoscopy. The student will have the opportunity to observe numerous diagnostic procedures.

The student will be assigned patients with G.I. problems on whom he/she will perform clinical history and physical examination and develop diagnostic and treatment plans. These will be discussed with faculty members. Special emphasis will be given to history taking and knowledge of diagnostic procedures necessary to solve patient problems. Important diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to G.I. disease, including various physiologic study methods, will be discussed. The student is expected to read about G.I. physiology and pathophysiology from suggested sources.

Inpatient: 30-50%; Outpatient: 50-70%.

**EVALUATION:**

Preceptor(s) will be asked to submit a written evaluation at the conclusion of the clerkship. Faculty are encouraged to provide ongoing feedback throughout elective rotations.

\*Seniors Intern Equiv.