

# **DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE**

## **CONSULT-LIAISON AND OUTPATIENT ELECTIVE**

**Course Director: Damir Huremovic, MD**

**Duration: 4 Weeks**

### **GOALS**

The outpatient psychiatry elective introduces the medical students to psychiatric consultation and following care to patients at NUMC. Medical students gain exposure to the clinical skills and knowledge relevant to the treatment of a wide variety of psychiatry disorders in the outpatient setting. The training provides the medical student with the opportunity to develop clinical skills and sensitivity to cultural diversity and professional principles.

### **OBJECTIVES**

This four-week elective focuses on psychiatric problems in medical and surgical patients. Under the supervision of faculty, the student responds to requests from physicians for psychiatric evaluation of patients on inpatient units throughout the medical center. The multidisciplinary team on the service attempts to integrate the biological with the psychosocial perspective to achieve a comprehensive view of patient care.

### **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

To learn to conduct the clinical evaluation, investigate any ward management difficulties, assess the role of the patient's family in the clinical problem, make treatment recommendations, and provide appropriate follow-up during the patient's hospital stay.

- To diagnose and treat psychiatric disorders in patients with diverse types of mental illness.
- To verbalize the complex interplay between the physical and psychosocial aspects of health and illness in patients being followed.
- To state the impact of hospital, family, and social systems on patients being followed.
- To present common psychiatric conditions in hospitalized medical patients to the Consult/liaison team.

### **DIDACTIC EXPERIENCE**

In addition to caring for a selected caseload under close attending supervision, the student will also participate in Thursday morning outpatient clinic intake, with PGY3 residents and Dr. Sperber. The student will also attend PGY1&2 classes, case conferences, and weekly grand rounds.

### **EVALUATION METHODS**

The course director and the chief resident will assess each student's performance using the appropriate evaluation form and school requirement. For more information about your evaluation, please visit your school web page or the student catalogue.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

If you are interested in applying, please call 516-572-5399 or visit us at [www.numc.edu](http://www.numc.edu).