

## **Hospice and Palliative Medicine Department of Medicine**

### **SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

#### **PGY – 4**

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Chief Resident)**

- Evaluate all patients referred for initial consultation or admission to an inpatient palliative unit, perform symptom assessment, address goals of care, and initiate a plan for evaluation and management.
- Round daily with Palliative attending to discuss progress of patients and develop subsequent management plan.
- Develop proficiency in leading an interdisciplinary team meeting.
- Demonstrate proficiency in leading a family meeting and assisting with medical decision-making.
- Develop skills and a core fund of knowledge in addressing the physical, psychological, social, and spiritual needs of patients and their families, including an expertise in symptom management.
- Develop specialized skills for the care of the terminally ill in the dying process and in bereavement counseling for the deceased's family.
- Demonstrate skill in withdrawal of life-sustaining therapies.
- Review clinical, laboratory, pathologic, radiographic data with attending to estimate prognosis and translate into useful a useful plan of care.
- Attend all clinical or research conferences, journal clubs, and didactic sessions.

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- Instruct residents and medical students in the basics of primary palliative care for the non-specialist.
- Coordinate care among subspecialists, the primary consulting team, and broad array of clinical support teams.
- Document an informative care plan in the appropriate medical record in a sensitive manner.
- Develop skills in the evaluation and management of patients in the ambulatory setting of a palliative care clinic.