

**“Essentials of the Successful
Osteopathic Manipulative
Medicine Core
Clerkship...Get One!”**

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OMM Core Clerkship

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Main Components

- 4 week required rotation in the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM)
- Includes a didactic review during the first week
- Faculty supervised clinics
- Case report
- End of rotation exam (shelf exam)

Who Completes the Rotation?

- Third year medical students are scheduled for the OMM core rotation in 4 week blocks over a 12 month period
- The Class of 2010 is approximately 160 students
- Majority of students are assigned to the DFW area
- A small number of students ($25\pm$) have opted to reside in Houston and Corpus Christi for one year and complete all of their core rotations in those areas

Orientation

- The first day on the OMM rotation begins with orientation by the course director, the academic coordinator, and the assigned administrative assistant
- During orientation, goals and expectations for the rotation are reviewed with the students
- The students are provided with a schedule, their assignment, the syllabus and other important information via e-mail prior to orientation

Didactic Review

- Didactic review begins the first day of the rotation following orientation
- Didactic review is led by OMM predoctoral fellows currently working within the department
- Guest lecturers are also brought in to give students a different perspective on how to integrate OMM in practice

Didactic Review

- Lectures normally covered in didactic review are:
 - Cephalgia
 - OMT in the Clinical Setting
 - Ribs
 - Cervical Spine
 - Thoracic Spine
 - Lumbar Spine
 - Pelvis
 - Upper & Lower Extremities
 - Cranial

Faculty Supervised Clinics

- Students are randomly assigned to preceptors on and off campus
- Under this faculty/adjunct faculty supervision, students see and treat patients
- Students generally work Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- When an off campus preceptor is not seeing patients, students report to campus clinic

Clinical Assessment

- Students are given a pass/fail grade for competency in 5 sections
 - Clinical Knowledge and Skills
 - Problem Recognition
 - Problem Oriented Diagnosis
 - Therapy
 - Attitudes and Behaviors
 - Communication
 - Professionalism and Work Habits

Clinical Assessment

- Students are also given an overall Clinical Grade based on a scale of 0-100

95-100 Far exceeds expectations

89-94 Exceeds expectations

82-88 Meets expectations

76-81 Occasionally falls short of expectations

70-75 Often falls short of expectations

< 70 Failing-did not perform well enough to merit credit

Case Report

- Students write a case report on a patient encounter while on their OMM rotation
- Case reports are graded by campus faculty
- There are 5 sections worth 20 points each
 - Introduction
 - Case Report
 - Review of Literature/Discussion
 - Conclusions/Summary
 - References

Shelf Exam

- On the last day of the rotation, students are given an OMM shelf exam
- The exam is purchased from NBOME and administered on campus by the office of Academic Affairs
- Students must receive a passing grade of 70 or above

Final OMM Grade

- The final OMM grade is averaged as follows
 - 60% Clinical Assessment
 - 15% Case Report
 - 25% Shelf Exam
- Students must have a final grade of 70 or above in order to pass the rotation