

**ELECTIVE NAME:**

Emergency Medicine

**COURSE NO:**

HM 630

**INSTITUTION:**

MidMichigan Medical Center – Midland  
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**OBJECTIVE:**

The objective of this elective is to introduce the medical student to the principles, practice, and procedures of emergency medicine by providing a meaningful rotation through the emergency department. By the end of the rotation the student will: Have been exposed to a wide spectrum of emergent and non-emergent problems; Recognize that the patient defines the emergency; Understand how the emergency department relates to other departments and services within the hospital; Develop and improve skills in suturing, radiographic interpretation, establishing IV's, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, lumbar puncture, etc.; Develop the ability to quickly determine the relevant history and physical with selective use of ancillary services to arrive at the most efficient and effective emergency assessment, management and disposition.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

**Patients:**

Patients seeking emergency services do so for various reasons. As stated previously, the patient defines the emergency. Regardless of the extent of the emergency – major or minor – the patient is to be treated with efficient and professional care.

**Teaching:**

You may see the patients of your choice, but before initiating any test or therapy, the patient must be presented to the emergency medicine resident or emergency department attending staff member on duty. Upon return of ordered x-rays and laboratory tests, prior to discharge or admission, and prior to notification of the patient's physician or calling of a consultant, the patient again is to be presented to the emergency medicine resident and/or attending staff member. In this manner the patient will be provided with the most efficient treatment, and you will also obtain guidance with your decision-making process. You will be expected to complete (dictate) the patient care record.

**EVALUATION FORMS:**

Upon completion of your rotation, you are to turn in your completed evaluation form(s) of the rotation which can be found in your orientation packet. When you have done this, completion of your medical school evaluation forms will be submitted to the appropriate office. Your course evaluation will be based on clinical performance.