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Dear Student:

Welcome to your subinternship in Internal Medicine! We are glad you chose Medicine for your required subinternship and will do whatever we can to make this an educationally rewarding experience for you. I will meet with you at 2:00 PM Monday afternoon in Shands Room 4106 for a brief orientation. This orientation will follow a welcome from the Chief Residents at 1:30.

Since this is an “acting internship”, we want to give you as much autonomy as you earn. Your goal should be to function just like the other interns (except for needing to have all your orders co-signed). This means you will be on the same call schedule and have the same number of days off as the other interns. Ultimately your attending and resident will determine your work load and how much independence you earn. You will be required to spend two nights during the month taking cross cover with the night team.

At this point in your education, you should be proficient in performing H&P’s and coming up with an initial differential diagnosis and assessment. During this month, we expect you to broaden your differentials, improve your problem solving abilities, and make great progress in generating diagnostic and treatment plans. You should take advantage of every opportunity to learn procedures and practice cross-cover. To help you realize these goals, we will have a weekly report on Thursday afternoons at 2:00 in the VA Medical Service Office, Room B-391 dedicated to all subinterns on service. We will focus the topics on practical aspects of a patient’s work-up and subsequent management. You are also expected to attend the intern morning report on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 for Shands students (Room 4107, STH) and 8:15 for VA students (Room E-544, VA) and noon conferences, Grand Rounds, Morbidity and Mortality Conference, and Chief of Medicine rounds.

Your final grade is determined by the Clerkship Director and is based on the competency-based evaluation form used by the College of Medicine and included with this letter. A member of the Committee on Medical Education will meet with your attending, resident, and interns to facilitate a consensus about your summative evaluation. You will also receive written feedback. You are *strongly* encouraged to review your performance with your team members midrotation. This will minimize surprises on the summative evaluation.

This is a mandatory rotation. If an emergency occurs such that you need to be away from the rotation more than your allotted one day per week, you must obtain prior approval from the Clerkship Director. Failure to do so could result in an unsatisfactory grade.

Again, welcome and I hope that you enjoy this opportunity to work more independently and practice for your upcoming internship. If you have an interest in a residency in Internal Medicine, please feel free to speak with me anytime. I love to share my enthusiasm for this field as well as information about the various residency programs.

Sincerely,
Heather Harrell, MD

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