NURS 7603 – Primary Care Practicum III

The nurse practitioner student who will be joining you this semester is in the seventh semester of didactic and third semester of clinical experience. We have outlined our expectations with the student and also want to make sure you are aware of our hopes for the student experience.

The primary foci of the third clinical semester are:

- Continue development of skills in obtaining appropriate history and physical examination
- Interpretation of clinical findings
- Complete targeted history and physical for acute or chronic problems
- Perfect the ability of giving an organized report of the findings to you
- Develop a diagnosis/es and appropriate treatment plans

At the beginning of this semester the student is expected to interview the patient alone to obtain a history and perform the examination. The student would then leave the room and report the history and exam findings to you. You and the student may then return together to finalize the care of the patient. By the end of the semester our goal for the student is to obtain an accurate and thorough history, perform an appropriate physical examination, address the problem, and develop differential and final diagnoses with treatment recommendations within the guidelines of evidence-based medicine. Mastery of these skills will be a progression through his/her clinical experiences.

The student will receive two clinical evaluations conducted by a faculty member during the semester. At least one of these will be at your clinical site. During these visits we do not want to interrupt the normal flow of the clinic. The faculty providing the site visit will not be involved in the care of the patient; rather we are there to observe the student’s progression in skills and his/her interaction with you and the staff. We also would like to discuss with you any comments or concerns regarding the student or our program.

We do ask you to complete an evaluation of the student in the middle and the end of the semester and review this with the student. The student will need to receive the completed evaluation forms from you. Your evaluation of the student progression is important, and is used to determine the student’s final grade. The student will provide you with the evaluation forms.

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