HOME BASED PRIMARY CARE (OVAMC- HBPC)

Attending: Steven Gonzalez MD  OVAMC
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Time: Tuesday afternoons and some Wednesdays AM plus other times as assigned

Process: The fellow will meet with Dr Gonzalez on the first Tuesday of rotation and be oriented to the HBPC system. They will be assigned patients duties by Dr Gonzalez which will include: home visits with Dr Gonzalez or independently with staffing with Dr Gonzalez later.

Goal: The home visit allows the house officer to provide medical care in the home and recognize the value of home-based medical assessment and treatment. The experience will foster an appreciation of the interaction between the elder's physical health, his/her environment and psychosocial situation, and provide an opportunity to practice "the art of medicine". This positive experience is designed tool generate an increased interest in providing home visits after his/her training is completed.

Objectives:
At the end of the home visit, the resident will be able to:

1. Identify appropriate indications for home visits.
2. Describe the advantages of providing medical care in the elder's home.
3. Discuss barriers to and limitations of house calls.
4. Determine what equipment, supplies, and forms may be useful to bring for a home visit, realizing that a stethoscope is often the only medical equipment that may be necessary.
5. Demonstrate documentation requirements for physician home visits.
6. Discuss environmental assessment to identify hazards and barriers in the home (Home Safety Evaluation), and recognize potential safety hazards in the home.
7. Contrast out-of-pocket costs for the elder considering home treatment of an acute illness (e.g. course of I.V. antibiotics administered at home for pneumonia) vs. the elder's deductible expense for an acute care admission.
8. Discuss strategies to maximize the efficiency of house calls.
9. Examine the value of the interdisciplinary team process to provide optimal care in the home.
10. Identify situations when home care is not appropriate or safe for the elder.
11. Discuss procedures to ensure the safety of the health care provider.
12. Explore how house calls can enhance the physician-patient relationship.
13. Describe the advanced treatment interventions that can be provided in the home setting.