

Assistant Internship in Medicine

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Assistant Internship: Basics

- Knowledge
- Practical skills

Assistant Internship: Transition from a medical student to a professional

- Authority
- Responsibility and liability
- Communication (patients, relatives and colleagues)
- Mode of work (individual Vs. team work)
- Stress (Physical and psychological)
- Discipline
- Get paid

How to facilitate this transition?

- Empower them
- Give them responsibility
- Give them opportunity to communicate
- Let them work with people
- Give them stressors
- Award good disciplines and good performers

Commentators

- 2 Intern coordinators
- 4 Consultant/ Associate Consultants/ Residents
- 3 Best Teachers
- 4 Interns

Comments on assistant internship

- Poor incentive of interns
 - Too much work: Students dismissed early
 - Too little work: Students leave early
- Passive role
- Stress/ responsibility/ discipline/ care free
- No reward or penalty

Recommendations

- Assign 2-3 beds for 1-2 weeks
- Responsibilities as frontline
 - Admission, daily round and overnight calls
 - Presentation of progress and management plan in the round
 - Write case notes, summary and prescription under supervision
 - Blood taking, drip setting and X-ray exam request
- Assessment (? Alternative or adjunct to OSLER) by case MO and physician