

UMC/TTUHSC PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICE

REQUIRED rotation

DURATION: 4 WEEKS

This is a onetime rotation and is not planned by PGY level.

GOALS:

- To further the understanding of Palliative Medicine
- To teach specific skills in the care of the dying in Inpatient and Outpatient settings
- To develop agents of change in the care of the dying

OBJECTIVES:

The Fellow who completes the Palliative Care rotation should be able to:

- Use a framework for making difficult medical decisions
- Manage dying patients in the different venues of care
- Understand the limitations of hospice care in the US
- Use an equianalgesic dosing chart in pain management
- Incorporate a spiritual assessment into a routine history and physical exam and into a write-up
- Discuss the differences in the ethical issues of double effect, physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia
- Identify the responsibilities of a hospice medical director
- Find useful palliative care internet websites for self-directed learning

Evaluation: Attendance, participation and competency.