Chronic Pain Rotation
Goals and Objectives

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Introduction
The first patients are placed in rooms at 8 am. Clinic usually ends by 3:30 pm. Weekly lectures are held 1-2 times per week.

Goals
- Fully participate in the evaluation and management of a chronic pain patient population
- Clearly document patient encounters in the medical record
- When warranted, participate and complete select interventional therapies

Educational Objectives
- Develop a sense of efficient patient evaluations, including relevant history and physical examination
- Understand the anatomy involved in painful maladies
- Understand the indications for the safe use of both pharmacologic and interventional therapies
- Grasp the use of common medications and their actions and adverse effects

Expectations
- Every patient receives a relevant history and physical examination
- You are expected to document encounters on our EMR (Cerner), order medications, tests, consults, and reconcile the medications. If you do not recall how to do these, come to the pain clinic before your rotation starts, and you will be instructed

EMR Notes
- You may use templates, but please pay attention to detail because this is a legal document. If you use pre-completed notes, make sure that you remove non-applicable items.
- In order to bill and pre-certify procedures from these notes, they need to include type of visit, referring provider, CC, HPI, ROS, FH, SH, PMHX, and psychiatric/litigation history, if applicable, PE, records reviewed, as well as diagnosis and plan. The plan has to be entered specific to each complaint/diagnosis.

Reading Materials — Reference and reading materials for you to check out from the residency coordinator before the rotation and to return to her after the rotation. The Massachusetts Handbook for Pain (which is very basic), a radiographic procedure atlas, and a basic chronic pain textbook are helpful.

Evaluations — Every resident will be evaluated after the rotation using One45.

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