

# CanMEDS Rotation Objectives – Internal Medicine BCT RCPS Emergency Medicine Residency Program Department of Emergency Medicine University of Alberta

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*\*While all objectives may not be accomplished in a single rotation, the aim is for the resident to actively seek learning opportunities to fulfill these objectives while on a particular rotation. Many of these objectives will overlap with other rotations. By the end of the residency program, all objectives should be covered.*

## **Medical Expert**

The learner should:

- Develop clinical assessment skills of the medically ill
- Develop appropriate differential diagnoses in the medically ill
- Recognize acute medical conditions and management principles
- Develop an understanding of the pathophysiology of acute medical diseases

The learner should gain knowledge of, and where applicable, experience in:

- Paracentesis
- Thoracentesis

The learner should gain competence in the following technical skills:

- Lumbar puncture

## **Communicator**

The learner should develop communication skills to:

- Communicate effectively with patients and families
- Keep accurate and efficient records

## **Collaborator**

The learner should strive to:

- Recognize the roles of and interact effectively with other physicians and health care workers
- Effectively participate and contribute to the internal medicine team

## **Leader**

The learner should strive to:

- Develop awareness of appropriate use of health care resources
- Develop an understanding of the indications for hospital admission
- Develop team leadership skills

## **Health Advocate**

The learner should strive to:

- Understand when and how to advocate appropriate on behalf of patients
- Understand the determinants of health and their impact on patients

## **Scholar**

The learner should develop:

- Proficiency in critical appraisal of the medical literature
- The ability to apply current literature into daily practice

- The ability to teach junior learners (medical students)

## **Professional**

The learner should:

- Demonstrate integrity and honesty
- Demonstrate compassion and respect in all patient encounters
- Learn and apply ethical principles appropriately
- Be aware of personal limitations and seek assistance when appropriate