**Continued Accreditation Application: Geriatric Medicine (Internal Medicine)**

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**Introduction**

**Duration and Scope of Education**

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| * + - 1. What is the length, in months, of the educational program? | Choose a length. |

**Institutions**

**Sponsoring Institution**

1. Does the fellowship function as an integral part of an ACGME-I-accredited residency in internal medicine? YES NO

Explain if ‘NO’. (Limit 250 words)

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**program personnel and resources**

**Other Program Personnel**

1. Are services from the following health care professionals available?
2. Occupational therapists YES NO
3. Physical therapists YES NO

Explain any ‘NO’ responses. (Limit 250 words)

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1. Are physician assistants or nurse practitioners available to provide team or collaborative care of geriatric patients?…………………………………………………………………………. YES NO

Explain if ‘NO’. (Limit 250 words)

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**Resources**

1. Does the program have access to an acute care hospital? YES NO

If ‘YES,’ does the acute care hospital function as an integral component of a teaching center?

YES NO

Explain any ‘NO’ responses. (Limit 250 words)

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1. If the program has access to an acute care hospital, does the hospital have a full range of resources, including the following?
2. Intensive care units YES NO
3. Emergency medicine YES NO
4. Operating rooms YES NO
5. Diagnostic laboratory YES NO
6. Imaging services YES NO
7. Pathology services YES NO

Explain any ‘NO’ responses. (Limit 250 words)

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1. Is the program affiliated with one or more long-term care facilities, such as a skilled nursing facility or a chronic care hospital? YES NO

Explain if ‘NO’. (Limit 250 words)

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If ‘YES,’ is the facility approved by the appropriate licensing agency in the country or state?

YES NO

Explain if ‘NO’. (Limit 250 words)

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1. Are long-term non-institutional services, such as home care, day care, residential care, or assisted living, available to the program? YES NO

Explain if ‘NO’. (Limit 250 words)

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1. Do residents have educational experiences at the following facilities?
2. A nursing home that includes sub-acute care YES NO
3. A nursing home that includes long-term care YES NO
4. A home care setting YES NO
5. An internal medicine center or other outpatient settings YES NO

Explain any ‘NO’ responses. (Limit 250 words)

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1. Describe how the program ensures that a geriatric medicine consultation program is available in the ambulatory setting, the inpatient service, or in the emergency medicine service in the acute care hospital or at an ambulatory setting administered by the primary clinical site.(Limit 300 words)

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1. Describe the makeup of the geriatric population available to the program, including gender, chronic illness, and percent of the population with potential for rehabilitation. (Limit 300 words)

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**Eligibility Criteria**

1. Describe how the program ensures that all fellows have completed an ACGME-, ACGME-I-, or Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)-accredited internal medicine residency program. (Limit 300 words)

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**Specialty-Specific Educational Program**

**Regularly Scheduled Didactic Sessions**

1. Complete Appendix A., Formal Didactic Sessions by Academic Year, and attach to submission.

**Clinical Experiences**

* + - 1. Describe how the program ensures that each fellow has a minimum of 12 months devoted to clinical experiences. (Limit 300 words)

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* + - 1. Does each fellow have clinical experience in the following?
         1. Management of elderly patients YES NO
         2. Direct care for patients in ambulatory settings YES NO
         3. Direct care for patients in community settings YES NO
         4. Direct care for patients in long-term care settings YES NO
         5. Consultative and/or direct care in acute inpatient settings YES NO
         6. Care for persons who are generally healthy requiring primary preventive services YES NO
         7. Care for elderly patients as a consultant providing expert assessments and recommendations for each patient’s unique care needs YES NO

Explain any ‘NO’ responses. (Limit 250 words)

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* + - 1. Does each fellow have exposure to sub-acute care and rehabilitation in a long-term care setting?

YES NO

Explain if ‘NO’. (Limit 250 words)

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* + - 1. Does each fellow have a longitudinal experience that includes the following?
         1. In-home visits YES NO
         2. Hospice care YES NO
         3. Organizational and administrative aspects of home care YES NO
         4. Continuity of care for home or hospice care patients YES NO

Explain any ‘NO’ responses. (Limit 250 words)

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* + - 1. Describe how the program ensures that each fellow will have experience participating as a member of a physician-directed interdisciplinary geriatric team in more than one setting. (Limit 300 words)

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* + - 1. Does the geriatric team include the following?
         1. Geriatrician YES NO
         2. Nurse YES NO
         3. Social worker or case manager YES NO

Explain any ‘NO’ responses. (Limit 250 words)

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* + - 1. Are regular geriatric conferences held as dictated by the needs of individual patients? YES NO

Explain if ‘NO’. (Limit 250 words)

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If ‘YES,’ does the team include representatives from the following?

* + - * 1. Dentistry YES NO
        2. Neurology YES NO
        3. Occupational therapy YES NO
        4. Pastoral care YES NO
        5. Pharmacy YES NO
        6. Physical medicine and rehabilitation YES NO
        7. Physical therapy YES NO
        8. Psychiatry YES NO
        9. Psychology YES NO
        10. Speech therapy YES NO

Explain any ‘NO’ responses and indicate any additional members of the team. (Limit 300 words)

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1. Describe how the program ensures that each fellow has a longitudinal experience in the diagnosis and treatment of acutely and chronically-ill and frail elderly patients in a less technologically sophisticated environment than the acute care hospital. (Limit 400 words)

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1. Does each fellow’s longitudinal experience include the following?
   1. Structured didactic experiences in geriatric psychiatry YES NO
   2. Structured clinical experiences in geriatric psychiatry YES NO
   3. Working within the limits of a decreased staff-patient ratio compared with acute care hospitals

YES NO

* 1. Sub-acute care YES NO
  2. Physical medicine and rehabilitation YES NO
  3. Addressing clinical and ethical dilemmas related to illness if the very old YES NO
  4. Interaction or communicating with a patient’s family and/or caregiver YES NO
  5. Using palliative care and hospice in caring for terminally ill YES NO

Explain any ‘NO’ responses. (Limit 250 words)

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1. Do fellows have the following educational experiences?
   1. Teaching other health professional and trainees YES NO
   2. Reviewing autopsy reports completed on their patients YES NO
   3. Involvement in other health care and community agencies related to geriatric medicine YES NO

Explain any ‘NO’ responses. (Limit 250 words)

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1. Do fellows have a structured continuity ambulatory clinic experience that exposes them to the breadth and depth of geriatric medicine? YES NO
2. Does the experience include an appropriate distribution of patients of each gender and a diversity of ages within geriatric medicine? YES NO
3. Do fellows have an average of one half-day a week in the ambulatory clinic throughout the educational program? YES NO

Explain any ‘NO’ responses to Questions 8-10. (Limit 250 words)

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1. Describe how the program ensures that each fellow, on average, will be responsible for four to eight patients during each half-day session and, on average, no more than eight to 12 patients during each half-day session. (Limit 300 words)

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1. Is the continuing patient care experience interrupted by more than one month, excluding vacation?

YES NO

Explain if ‘YES’. (Limit 250 words)

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1. Do fellows participate in the administrative aspects of long-term care? YES NO

Explain if ‘NO’. (Limit 250 words)

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If ‘YES,’ does this experience include the following?

* 1. Introductory instruction to the role of the nursing home medical director YES NO
  2. Nursing home regulations YES NO
  3. Completing a quality improvement project YES NO
  4. Attending team meetings YES NO

Explain any ‘NO’ responses. (Limit 250 words)

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1. Describe how the program ensures that all fellows have experiences in relevant specialty and subspecialty clinics that focus on the assessment and management of geriatric syndromes, including falls, incontinence, and osteoporosis. As part of your answer, identify the specialty or subspecialty clinics that are used.   
   (Limit 400 words).

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1. Do all fellows have clinical experience in day care or day hospital centers, life care communities, or residential care facilities? YES NO

Explain if ‘NO’. (Limit 250 words)

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**ACGME-I Competencies**

**Patient Care**

1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate the ability to provide patient care that is compassionate, appropriate, and effective for the treatment of health problems and the promotion of health?

Describe how this is evaluated. (Limit 300 words)

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1. How do fellows demonstrate proficiency in the following?

Assessing older persons for safety risks and providing appropriate recommendations and referrals when necessary

Assessing the cognitive status of geriatric patients

Assessing the affective status of geriatric patients

Assessing the functional status of geriatric patients

Peri-operative assessment and management

Providing appropriate preventive care and teaching patients and their caregivers regarding self care

Providing care that is based on patients’ preferences and overall health

Treating and managing geriatric patients in acute care, long-term care, community, and home care settings

Use of an interpreter in clinical care

Provide an example of how proficiency is assessed in five of the nine areas listed. (Limit 500 words)

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**Medical Knowledge**

1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate proficiency in their knowledge of established and evolving biomedical, clinical, epidemiological, and social-behavioral sciences, as well as the application of this knowledge to patient care?

Describe how this is evaluated. (Limit 400 words)

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1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate knowledge of the current science of aging and longevity, including theories of aging, the physiology and natural history of aging, pathologic changes with aging, epidemiology of aging populations, and diseases of the aged? (Limit 300 words)

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1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate knowledge of aspects of preventive medicine, including nutrition, oral health, exercise, screening, immunization, and chemoprophylaxis against disease? (Limit 300 words)

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1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate knowledge of geriatric assessment, including medical, affective, cognitive, functional status, social support, economic, and environmental aspects related to health?

(Limit 300 words)

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1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate knowledge of the following?
   1. Activities of daily living (ADL)
   2. Instrumental activities of daily living (IADL)
   3. Medication review
   4. Appropriate use of the history, physical, and mental examination and laboratory results or findings

Provide an example of how proficiency is assessed in each of the areas listed. (Limit 400 words)

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1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate knowledge of the general principles of geriatric rehabilitation, including those applicable to patients with cardiac, neurologic, orthopaedic, pulmonary, and rheumatologic impairments? (Limit 300 words)

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1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate knowledge of management of patients in long-term care settings, including palliative care, administration, regulation, and the financing of long-term institutions, as well as the continuum from short- to long-term care? (Limit 300 words)

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1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate knowledge of the pivotal role of the family in caring for many elderly patients, and the community resources (formal support systems) required to support both patients and families? (Limit 300 words)

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1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate knowledge of the following?
   1. Home care, including the components of a home visit and accessing appropriate community resources to provide care in a home setting
   2. Hospice care, including pain management, symptom relief comfort care, and end-of-life issues
   3. Behavioral sciences, including psychology and social work

Provide an example of how proficiency is assessed in each of the areas listed. (Limit 300 words)

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1. How do graduates demonstrate knowledge of topics of special interest to geriatric medicine, including the following?
   1. Cognitive impairment
   2. Depression and related disorders
   3. Falls
   4. Incontinence
   5. Osteoporosis
   6. Fractures
   7. Functional impairment
   8. Malnutrition
   9. Pain
   10. Pressure ulcers
   11. Senior (elder) abuse
   12. Sensory impairment
   13. Sleep disorders

Provide an example of how proficiency is assessed in seven of the thirteen areas listed. (Limit 700 words)

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1. How do graduates demonstrate knowledge of diseases that are prominent in the elderly or that may have atypical characteristics in the elderly, including the following?
   1. Cardiovascular disease
   2. Infectious disease
   3. Metabolic disease
   4. Musculoskeletal disease
   5. Neoplastic disease
   6. Neurologic disorders

Provide an example of how proficiency is assessed in four of the six areas listed. (Limit 400 words)

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1. How do graduates demonstrate knowledge of pharmacologic problems associated with aging, including the following?
2. Changes in pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics
3. Drug interactions
4. Over medication
5. Appropriate prescribing
6. Adherence

Provide an example of how proficiency is assessed in three of the five areas listed. (Limit 300 words)

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1. How do graduates demonstrate knowledge of psychosocial aspects of aging, including interpersonal and family relationships, living situations, adjustment disorders, depression, and bereavement.   
   (Limit 300 words)

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1. How do graduates demonstrate knowledge of the following?
2. Patient and family education
3. Psychosocial and recreational counseling for patients requiring rehabilitation care
4. The economic aspects of supporting geriatric services

Provide an example of how proficiency is assessed in each of the areas listed. (Limit 300 words)

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1. How do graduates demonstrate knowledge of ethical and legal issues pertinent to geriatric medicine, including the following?
2. Limitation of treatment
3. Competency
4. Guardianship
5. Right to refuse treatment
6. Advance directives
7. Designation of a surrogate decision maker for health care
8. Wills
9. Durable power of attorney for medical affairs

Provide an example of how proficiency is assessed in five of the eight areas listed. (Limit 500 words)

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1. How do graduates demonstrate knowledge of basic principles of research, including research methodologies related to geriatric medicine, such as clinical epidemiology and decision analysis and how research is conducted, evaluated, explained to patients, and applied to patient care? (Limit 400 words)

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1. How do graduates demonstrate knowledge of the cultural aspects of aging, including knowledge of the following?
2. Demographics
3. Health care status of older persons of diverse ethnicities
4. Access to health care
5. Cross-cultural assessment of culture-specific beliefs and attitudes towards health care
6. Issues of ethnicity in long-term care and special issues relating to urban and rural older persons of various ethnic backgrounds

Provide an example of how proficiency is assessed in three of the five areas listed. (Limit 300 words)

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1. How do graduates demonstrate knowledge of the following?
2. Behavioral aspects of illness
3. Socioeconomic factors
4. Health literacy issues

Provide an example of how proficiency is assessed in each areas listed. (Limit 300 words)

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**Practice-based Learning and Improvement**

* + - 1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate their ability to investigate and evaluate their care of patients, to appraise and assimilate scientific evidence, and to continuously improve patient care based on constant self-evaluation and lifelong learning?

Describe how these skills are evaluated. (Limit 300 words)

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**Interpersonal and Communication Skills**

1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills that result in the effective exchange of information and collaboration with patients, their families, and health professionals?

Describe how these skills are evaluated. (Limit 300 words)

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**Professionalism**

1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate a commitment to carrying out professional responsibilities and an adherence to ethical principles?

Describe how these skills are evaluated. (Limit 300 words)

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**Systems-based Practice**

1. How do graduating fellows demonstrate an awareness of and responsiveness to the larger context and system of health care, as well as the ability to call effectively on other resources in the system to provide optimal health care?

Describe how these skills are evaluated. (Limit 300 words)

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Appendix A. Formal Didactic Sessions by Academic Year

For each year of the fellowship, please attach (Label: Appendix A.) a list of all scheduled didactic courses (including discussion groups, seminars and conferences, grand rounds, basic science, skills labs, and journal club) at all participating sites attended by fellows using the format below. If attended by fellows from multiple years, list in each year, but provide a full description *only the first time it is listed*.

Number sessions **consecutively** from the first year through the final year so that the scheduled didactic sessions can be easily referenced throughout the application. **Be brief and use the outline that follows.**

Year in the program:

Number: Title:

a) Type of Format (e.g., seminar, conference, discussion groups, etc.)

b) Required or elective

c) Brief description (three or four sentences)

d) Frequency, length of session, and total number of sessions

**Example:**

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| Y-1  01. Introduction to Geriatric Medicine  a) Seminar  b) Required Y-1  c) Survey of contemporary methods and styles of critical care including approaches to clinical work with minority populations  d) Weekly, for 8 sessions  02. Departmental Grand Rounds  a) Discussion groups  b) Required, Y-1, Y-2, Y-3; Elective  c) Clinical case presentations, sponsored by each departmental division, followed by discussion and review of contemporary state of knowledge. Format includes resident presentations and discussions with additional faculty discussant.  d) Twice monthly, 24 sessions |

If attendance is monitored, explain how this is accomplished and how feedback is given regarding non-attendance. (Limit 250 words)

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