

Consultation-Liaison Service

- a. This is a required rotation done as two or more 4-week blocks in the PGY-2 or 4 year. Residents who will be going on to child and adolescent psychiatry residencies in the PGY-4 year will do this rotation in the PGY-2 year.
- b. The Consultation-Liaison faculty consists of 3 part time psychiatrists at Sparrow Hospital. Social work services are also available upon request.
- c. Each resident attends approximately 5 hours didactic seminars held at MSU during this rotation. Monthly Grand Rounds are held in the MSU Department of Psychiatry that residents are required to attend. In addition, residents are also encouraged to attend pertinent lectures provided by other departments.
- d. The consultation-liaison service provides services at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing Michigan. This hospital has a large medical and surgical inpatient patient population. Residents have exposure to all services including internal medicine, surgery, intensive care, neurology and medicine subspecialties during this service. In the average month approximately 100 new consults are seen, 48% female and 52% male. Patient age ranges from 18-90 years old. Diagnoses seen include depression 40%, delirium 35%, adjustment disorder 10%, substance abuse 5%, psychosis 5%, schizophrenia 5%. Competency issues are also addressed with patients as clinically indicated. A wide variety of ethnicities and socioeconomic levels are also present. Residents are responsible for patient assessment and triage in the C/L setting. Skills emphasized include comprehensive assessment, short-term therapy, family assessment, medication management and consultation. Residents develop liaison skills with nursing staff, social workers, attending physicians and house staff in order to facilitate interventions with patients.
- e. The caseload varies, with approximately 4-6 new patients a day and several follow-up patients seen per day. The service averages approximately 100 consultations per month.
- f. Supervision is provided by daily rounds, reading assignments and clinical lectures. Phone consultation is always available at all other times. All PGY 2, 3 and 4 residents have required individual supervision twice weekly with their psychiatry supervisors.
- g. The service offers significant exposure to patients with multisystem disease including cardiopulmonary, orthopedic, neurological, and surgical patients, offering residents exposure to acute psychiatric problems in the hospitalized patients including delirium, behavioral disturbances, suicidality/homicidality and competency issues.