Addictions Medicine Rotation
This is a 2 four-week block rotation usually done in the PGY-2 year. Residents work on the inpatient consult service with a board-certified addiction psychiatrist seeing patients who are hospitalized for acute detoxification due to substance use. They gain experience in assessment, acute detoxification, inpatient rehabilitation, partial hospital programs, outpatient treatment, AA, NA, and trauma focused groups.

- Staffing includes 2 full-time psychiatrists with specialization in addictions medicine. Psychiatric nurses, substance abuse counselors and therapists also staff the unit.
- Sparrow Hospital admits patients with private insurances, those with Medicare or Medicaid and those with no means to pay. The population consists of both male and female patients, with the demographics matching the community.
- The primary diagnoses treated include alcohol withdrawal and dependence, opiate withdrawal and dependence and poly substance withdrawal and dependence.
- The average caseload is 4-6 patients per day.
- Residents have daily rounds with the teaching physician. They attend group therapy sessions.
- Residents may return for elective rotations. This unit emphasizes acute detoxification and rapid movement to outpatient treatment. Twelve step programs are integral to treatment.