**Geriatric Psychiatry**

This is a 2 block 4-week rotation done in the Geriatric Psychiatry Inpatient Unit at Sparrow St. Lawrence with back-up experiences in the Outpatient Geriatric Psychiatry Clinic at MSU and consultation/liaison geriatric experience at Sparrow Hospital.

- On the geriatric psychiatry unit, the patient presentations comprise a spectrum of psychopathology including neurocognitive disorders, behavioral disorders, mood disorders, and psychotic disorders. Many patients have serious co-morbid medical illnesses. Electroconvulsive therapy is provided for indicated conditions.

- Outpatient geriatric psychiatry consultations and on-going care in the MSU Psychiatry Clinic with MSU Geriatric psychiatry faculty. The population of patients seen in this clinic are homebound or frail elderly older adults living in the community and supported often by a system of caregivers. Patients in the cohort use Medicare as a primary provider.

- Consultation-liaison work with the Sparrow consultation-liaison inpatient service at Sparrow Hospital main campus. The resident on the geriatric psychiatry services does consultations for patients age 65 or older. Patients may have Medicare or Medicaid primary payers in hospital.

- While on this rotation, residents continue to spend 5 hours weekly in seminars and two hours in supervision external to the rotation.

- The clinical population consists of older adults with dementia, psychosis and mood disorders as well as anxiety and adjustment problems. At any one time, the average caseload per resident is 3 to 5 patients. An Interdisciplinary approach to assessment and treatment is strongly emphasized. The multidisciplinary team consists of an experienced staff of physicians, nurses, social workers, teachers, and activity therapists. Consultation services are available with neuropsychology and allied therapies.

- Direct supervision is provided throughout and case review is completed immediately after patients are seen. All PGY-2 residents have required individual supervision twice weekly with their psychiatry supervisors.