Emory University School of Medicine
MD Program Outcomes
“Student Physician Activities” (SPAs)

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SPA 1  Take a patient-centered history (focused and complete)
SPA 2  Perform a physical examination (standard and “core and cluster”) and recognize normal and abnormal findings
SPA 3  Demonstrate understanding of relevant scientific principles of medicine
SPA 4  Prioritize a differential diagnosis based on clinical reasoning
SPA 5  Develop a patient care plan
SPA 6  Perform technical procedures
SPA 7  Communicate with patients and their support system regarding their care
SPA 8  Participate in difficult conversations with patients and their families
SPA 9  Document and present patient findings and treatment plans
SPA 10 Explain the scientific principles of medicine as applied to differential diagnoses and patient care plans
SPA 11 Use electronic medical records
SPA 12 Formulate clinical questions and search the literature for evidence that enhances patient care.
SPA 13 Contribute to generalizable medical knowledge
SPA 14 Apply best evidence to the care of individual patients
SPA 15 Recognize and address ethical dilemmas
SPA 16 Protect patient information
SPA 17 Fulfill the unique professional role of a physician in society
SPA 18 Manage time
SPA 19 Be a leader
SPA 20 Use feedback to improve one's own practices
SPA 21 Demonstrate trustworthiness to patients, colleagues, and other healthcare personnel
SPA 22 Treat patients while understanding own biases
SPA 23 Treat patients without regard to personal advantage
SPA 24 Work in interprofessional teams
SPA 25 Identify personal limitations and seek assistance as needed
SPA 26 Teach peers and team members
SPA 27 Serve the community
SPA 28 Contribute to healthcare quality and safety initiatives