Core Topics in Geriatrics
Curriculum for Inpatient Geriatric Service
Medicine A

1. Dementia
2. Delirium
3. Understanding of antipsychotic medications
4. Pharmacologic treatment of depression in the older patient
5. Polypharmacy and medical errors
6. End of life and palliative care, Hospice
7. Evaluation of capacity and competence
8. Urinary incontinence
9. Urinary obstruction and BPH in men
10. Syncope
11. Acute coronary syndromes in the elderly
12. Elder mistreatment and abuse
13. Hyponatremia and hypernatremia
14. HTN in the older patient
15. Perioperative care and preoperative evaluation of the older patient
16. Wound and ulcer management
17. Parkinson’s and parkinsonian syndromes
18. Care of the patient after CVA
19. Atrial fibrillation
20. Management of CHF
21. Management of constipation, bowel obstruction and “pseudoobstruction”
22. Renal failure in the elderly
23. GI bleeding
24. Common causes of anemia in the ill older patient
25. Evaluation and management of aspiration, use of swallow studies
26. Evaluation of dysphagia
27. The use of gastrostomy tubes
28. Evaluation of falls and gait/balance assessment
29. Management of pneumonia, COPD and OSA in the older patient
30. Workup of a monoclonal gammopathy in the elderly
31. Sick sinus syndrome and other indications for pacemaker placement
32. Liver disease in the elderly: diagnosis and treatment
33. After discharge care: home health, assisted living, skilled nursing facilities, CCRC
34. Use of Continuous Quality Improvement on the Geriatric service (CQI)
35. How to work with an interdisciplinary team