Geriatric Psychiatry

a. This is a 2 block rotation that comprises at least 1 month full time geriatric psychiatry for PGY-2 residents. It has three components:

1) 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.

2) Nursing home consultation-liaison psychiatry at Porter Hills Presbyterian Village, a continuum of care facility in the Grand Rapids area. Patients seen in this setting are either in the nursing home for rehabilitation or are at the end of life. Medicare and Medicaid are the primary insurers for this group.

3) 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.

b. At the MSU Clinic and the nursing home, a full time faculty member geriatric psychiatrist with added qualifications in geriatric psychiatry supervises the experience. Social workers, psychologists and nurses are available at Sparrow Hospital and Porter Hills. Medical students rotate in all settings with the residents.

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

d. The clinical population consists of older adults with dementia, psychosis and mood disorders as well as anxiety and adjustment problems.

e. Residents see patients in the MSU Clinic 20% time on this rotation, 20% in the nursing home and 20% on consultation liaison. Forty percent of time is spent in outpatient continuity clinic, supervision and didactics. The average caseload is 8-10 patients per day in the MSU Outpatient Clinic. The resident sees 1-2 new evaluations and 5-10 established patients in the nursing home facility daily.

f. 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.