

Internal Medicine Center (IMC) Transition Month – Goals & Objectives

- **Participating Site(s):**
 - Summa Health System – Internal Medicine Center (IMC)
 - Ambulatory continuity clinic and panel management settings
- **Duration:** 4 weeks
- **Required or Elective:** Required (PGY-3)

Rotation Overview

The IMC Transition Month serves as a capstone ambulatory experience designed to prepare senior residents for the transition from residency to independent practice or fellowship training. This rotation emphasizes continuity of care, effective transitions to junior residents, panel management, closure of care gaps, and focused preparation for the ABIM certifying examination, while also completing all residency offboarding requirements. There is also unstructured/protected time for any final career exploration or career focused experiences.

Overall Rotation Goal

The goal of this rotation is for residents to consolidate their ambulatory clinical skills, ensure safe and effective transitions of patient care, complete residency offboarding responsibilities, and prepare for independent practice through continued clinical engagement and structured board preparation.

Educational Objectives (Aligned with ACGME Competencies)

Patient Care

Residents will be able to:

- Provide high-quality care to continuity patients during final clinic visits
- Identify and address outstanding medical issues and preventive care needs
- Develop clear, actionable transition-of-care plans for complex patients
- Ensure accurate and thorough documentation to support continuity and patient safety

Medical Knowledge

Residents will be able to:

- Apply comprehensive internal medicine knowledge to outpatient clinical decision-making
- Integrate guideline-based preventive care and chronic disease management
- Prepare for the ABIM certifying examination through structured question-based learning

Practice-Based Learning and Improvement

Residents will be able to:

- Assess personal learning needs and engage in targeted board preparation activities
- Reflect on continuity clinic experiences to improve future independent practice
- Utilize performance feedback to refine clinical and professional skills

Interpersonal and Communication Skills

Residents will be able to:

- Communicate effectively with patients regarding care transitions and long-term management plans
- Collaborate with junior residents to ensure smooth handoffs of patient care

- Document transition notes clearly and concisely to support ongoing care

Professionalism

Residents will be able to:

- Demonstrate accountability and professionalism during the transition out of residency
- Complete all offboarding responsibilities in a timely and organized manner
- Model professional behavior and mentorship for junior residents

Systems-Based Practice

Residents will be able to:

- Manage patient panels efficiently to close care gaps and optimize preventive care
- Navigate institutional systems related to offboarding, credentialing, and licensure
- Coordinate care transitions within the ambulatory care system

PGY-Level Expectations

PGY-3:

- Independently manage continuity clinic patients
- Complete comprehensive transition-of-care documentation for complex patients
- Balance clinical responsibilities, administrative tasks, and board preparation activities

Evaluation and Feedback

Resident performance is evaluated through:

- Review of clinical documentation and transition-of-care notes
- Verification of completion of required rotation deliverables
- End-of-rotation faculty evaluation mapped to applicable ACGME milestones

Residents receive ongoing formative feedback and summative feedback at the conclusion of the rotation.

Supervision

Faculty supervision is provided in accordance with ACGME supervision guidelines and is based on resident demonstrated competence, PGY level, and patient acuity.