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## GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Clinical rotations consist of four components: Emergency; Internal Medicine; Surgery; and Mother and Child

The student is dealing with patients, supervised with expert guidance of a mentor. During this teaching process the student integrates previously acquired knowledge and skills and applies them in their clinical work with patients. According to these principles, students are expected to take the history of the patient then the physical examination and finally to make a decision regarding diagnosis and treatment. This enables students to behave independently and simulates the real clinical situation that will occur when they graduate and commence their clinical practice

The components of Internal Medicine; Surgery; and Mother and Child have in total **130 school hours**, out of which **125** are school **hours of held as exercises** (practical clinical skills) and **5 hours of seminars**. Attendance is mandatory and absences are compensated in agreement with the course head. The presence and duration of the exercises have to be recorded on the specific form ("*Evidence*") and signed by the attending doctor on duty on the hospital ward where the student carried out the exercise. Students are expected to perform a defined number of procedures (skills) which are recorded and signed by the attending doctor on duty on the specific form ("*Procedures*"). It is necessary to perform a certain minimum number of procedures.

The exercises can be organized in afternoons and evenings, including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

The department of Clinical rotations allows the recognition of exercises (practical clinical skills) carried out outside of Split or Croatia. In order for ratification all exercises must fulfill three basic conditions:

1. Institution (hospital) must be a university hospital or teaching hospital affiliated with the university whose status has to be documented.
2. The student must properly fill out the forms demonstrating the type of departments, activities, and time (hours total) spent.
3. A description of all practical activities must be signed by hospital doctors on duty when students are present in the department.

The above mentioned documents and forms have to be ratified by the course leader. After the student collects all the above mentioned documents and forms, the course The duration and content of the clinical courses, including skills performed outside of Split or Croatia is subject to confirmation, either totally or partially, dependent on the documentation presented to the head of course.

Seminars are in the form of problem based learning (PBL): the teacher presents the case using virtual patients and students (in groups) take on an active role to resolve the case.

For any questions, changes or compensation of exercises feel free to contact the head of that particular course.