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This Month's Topic: Launch of Foundations 2— Course/Clerkship Attendance Policies & Needlestick Prevention

This month marks the launch of the clinical phase of the Bridges Curriculum as students of the new UCSF Bridges Curriculum enter the clerkships full time.

This is the start of the second phase of the curriculum, known as Foundations 2 (F2). Below is a brief summary of some of the changes to the clerkship schedules for Bridges students.

As we begin F2, we want to remind you of several **LCME-required policies** designed to safeguard our students' experience and ensure they both protect themselves from injury and have access to healthcare services themselves.

12.4 Student Access to Healthcare Services: Clerkship/Course Attendance Policies

Student/Faculty/Resident Responsibility:

Please understand our course/clerkship attendance policies as they relate to excused absences:

Foundations 1: [Attendance and Participation](#)

Foundations 2: [Attendance: Clerkships](#)

The LCME requires that we have a policy or guideline that *"specifies that medical students may be excused from classes or clinical activities in order to access health service."*

Students who need an absence from your clerkship for health reasons should notify the clerkship director and the supervising attending.

12.8 Needlestick Policy: Student Exposure Policies and Procedures

Student/Faculty/Resident Responsibility: Please be aware

of our [needlestick procedures](#) for protecting students.

The LCME requires that a medical school has policies in place to effectively address medical student exposure to infectious and environmental hazards including:

- Education of medical students about methods of prevention
- The procedures for care and treatment after exposure, including a definition of financial responsibility
- The effects of infectious and environmental disease or disability on medical student learning activities

All registered medical students (including visiting students) are informed of these policies before undertaking any educational activities that would place them at risk.

Changes to the Clerkship Schedules for UCSF Bridges students:

- Students in the F2 curriculum experience Family and Community Medicine (FCM) as a **longitudinal** clerkship that occurs **one full day every other week**. The Department of FCM has graciously agreed to this new approach to teaching Family Medicine to facilitate student understanding of care of patients with chronic disease.
- Students in the F2 curriculum will also have an **academic (learning) day every other week** (on the non-FCM weeks) on Wednesdays. During this time, students will continue to master clinical and foundational sciences in an integrated manner. This strategy reinforces how science influences clinical care. Content will include:
 - Clinical issues in primary care and chronic disease management
 - Appropriate use of diagnostic tests to support education in high-value care
 - Essential and advanced topics in foundational sciences to support expert clinical reasoning and therapeutic management across specialties.

Find additional information about the new clerkship curriculum [here](#).

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