Core seminars are a 2-year longitudinal curriculum occurring on Friday afternoons during ambulatory care blocks. The purpose of the core curriculum is to expose residents to areas of medicine that are important to the practice of primary care medicine, but not commonly taught in other venues. The format is a small group, interactive, case-based seminar. Residents are given learning objectives and reading assignments prior to each seminar and are expected to actively participate in discussions. Below is a list of general topics covered during the core curriculum.

On every second, and fourth Friday, Core seminars are held jointly in the Department of Medicine (with all PGY2 and PGY3 residents on block). These seminars are larger in structure and are noted below with “bold”.

On “non-joint” days, an additional hour is scheduled for case discussions with clinical specialists. These seminars are scheduled by the residents in conjunction with the weekly core seminars.

Adolescent Medicine (even years)
- Common Problems in Adolescent Medicine

Allergy and Immunology (odd years)
- Allergic rhinitis
- Drug allergies/desensitization

Alternative Medicine (odd years)
- Overview of Alternative Therapies

Cardiology (even years)
- Cardiac Exam
- **Congestive Heart Failure**
- **Valvular Heart Disease**
- **Outpatient Management of Coronary Artery Disease/Stress Tests**

Community & Social Medicine (odd years if space allows)
- **Health Policy Overview**
- Healthcare Financing
- **Organization of Health Care**
- Medicine in Underserved Communities- Commonly Encountered Issues
- Addiction Medicine
- Smoking Cessation

Dermatology (even years)
- **Review of the Skin Exam**
- Common Dermatological Disorders - Diagnosis
- Common Dermatological Disorders - Treatment

Endocrine (odd years)
- **Insulin in diabetics**
- Diabetes Update: overview of glucose management, oral therapies, and clinical guidelines
- Approach to the Patient with Thyroid Disease
- **Lipid Management**
- Osteoporosis
- Thyroid Nodules

ENT (odd years)
- Common ENT Problems (including sinusitis and vertigo)
Ethics: End of Life (even years)
- Pain/ Symptom Management at the End of Life
- Communication at the End of Life
- Ethics, Hospice and Spirituality at the End of Life
- Decision-making

Gastroenterology (odd years)
- Approach to the Patient with Hep B
- Approach to the Patient with Hep C
- IBS
- GERD/Dyspepsia/Barretts
- Colon Cancer Screening
- Chronic Diarrhea

Geriatrics (odd years)
- General approach to older patient / the Functional Assessment
- Approach to Diagnosis and Treatment of Dementia
- Pain Management at the End of Life

Gyn/ Women’s Health (even years)
- Work-up of Abnormal Uterine Bleeding
- Updates in Contraceptive Technology
- Cervical Cancer Screening/HPV
- Incontinence
- Abortion---what the Internist Needs to Know
- Vaginitis and UTIs

Healthcare Management/ Quality Assurance (yearly)/Reorientation to Clinic
- Telephone Medicine
- Practice Management

Hematology (even years)
- Evaluation of Anemia/Blood Smears
- Anti-coagulation for the PMD

HIV (odd years)
- Anti-Retroviral Therapy
- Primary Care of the HIV+ Patient
- Global HIV
- Issues in HIV Testing

ID (even years)
- Latent TB
- Vaccines
- STDs

Lab Medicine (even years)
- Lab medicine for the Internist

Neurology (odd years)
- Demystifying the Neuro Exam
- Prevention and Treatment of Stroke for the Primary Care Clinician
- Update in Seizure Disorders
- Headache
- Evaluation of Peripheral Neuropathy
- Movement Disorders
- Vertigo

Nutrition (odd years)
- Diet Therapy in Clinical Practice

Oncology (odd years)
- Role of the Primary Care Physician in Treating Common Malignancies

Ophthalmology (even years)
Common Eye Problems- What Every Internist Needs to know (red eye, acute vision loss)

Orthopedics (even years)
  Upper Extremity Orthopedics (Exam, Diagnosis, Treatment)
  Neck/Back Orthopedics
  Lower Extremity Orthopedics

Pulmonary (odd)
  COPD/Asthma for the out-patient doctor
  PFTs

Rheumatology (even years)
  Joint Exam and Aspiration
  Approach to Rheumatologic Laboratory Tests
  Approach to the Patient with Arthritis
  Rheumatoid Arthritis
  SLE
  Crystal Diseases

Urology/Renal (even years)
  Chronic Kidney Disease
  Hematuria
  Internists Approach to Sexual Dysfunction
  Prostate Cancer Issues/Screening
  Nephrolithiasis

Other (odd years)
  Occupational Health