CanMEDS Rotation Objectives – Internal Medicine BCT
RCPS Emergency Medicine Residency Program
Department of Emergency Medicine
University of Alberta

*While all objectives may not be accomplished in a single rotation, the aim is for the resident to actively
seek learning opportunities to fulfill these objectives while on a particular rotation. Many of these
objectives will overlap with other rotations. By the end of the residency program, all objectives should be
covered.

Medical Expert
The learner should:
• Develop clinical assessment skills of the medically ill
• Develop appropriate differential diagnoses in the medically ill
• Recognize acute medical conditions and management principles
• Develop an understanding of the pathophysiology of acute medical diseases
The learner should gain knowledge of, and where applicable, experience in:
• Paracentesis
• Thoracentesis
The learner should gain competence in the following technical skills:
• Lumbar puncture

Communicator
The learner should develop communication skills to:
• Communicate effectively with patients and families
• Keep accurate and efficient records

Collaborator
The learner should strive to:
• Recognize the roles of and interact effectively with other physicians and health care workers
• Effectively participate and contribute to the internal medicine team

Leader
The learner should strive to:
• Develop awareness of appropriate use of health care resources
• Develop an understanding of the indications for hospital admission
• Develop team leadership skills

Health Advocate
The learner should strive to:
• Understand when and how to advocate appropriate on behalf of patients
• Understand the determinants of health and their impact on patients

Scholar
The learner should develop:
• Proficiency in critical appraisal of the medical literature
• The ability to apply current literature into daily practice
• The ability to teach junior learners (medical students)

**Professional**
The learner should:
• Demonstrate integrity and honesty
• Demonstrate compassion and respect in all patient encounters
• Learn and apply ethical principles appropriately
• Be aware of personal limitations and seek assistance when appropriate