

# Psychiatry Clerkship: Overall organization

- 3 weeks inpatient at HMC
  - Often may work with a single attending and resident
  - One or two students on the team
  - Exposed to severe mental illness
- 3 weeks outpatient at WRITE locations
  - Variable patient exposures
  - Variable supervision



# Psychiatry Clerkship: Goals for WRITE site training

- Be aware of mental health issues in primary care
  - Depression, anxiety, ADHD and substance use
  - Great to have exposure to medication assisted treatment (MAT)
- Use commonly available rating scales for depression
  - PHQ-9
- Be able to perform a suicide evaluation
  - All Patients Safe (<http://aims.uw.edu/aps/docs/basic/>)



# Psychiatry Clerkship: Requirements for WRITE portion

- At WRITE sites, students may complete
  - One oral case presentation (OCP) that is focused on a mental health issue
  - Their “topic” presentation
- Students need to complete the NBME subject exam
- No other formal requirements during WRITE portion!



# Psychiatry Clerkship: Grading

- We report 3 numbers:
  - Clinical Grade of Honors, High Pass or Pass (50% Inpatient and 50% WRITE)
  - NBME national percentile
  - Final grade = 60% Clinical Grade + 40% NBME
- We summarize comments from inpatient and WRITE preceptors
  - Areas to consider - rapport, professionalism, interest, empathy, communication skills
- “Grades” from OCP, CEX and other presentation do not directly factor into grading - they form the basis of evaluations!

