

**LEWIS KATZ SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT TEMPLE UNIVERSITY  
MD PROGRAM COMPETENCIES**

**PATIENT CARE COMPETENCIES**

Students must be able to provide patient-centered care that is evidence-based, compassionate, effective and appropriate for the treatment of health problems and the promotion of health. Students must be able to:

1. Provide health care services aimed at overall health and well-being, including sexual health, and treating patients with acute and chronic conditions.
2. Obtain an accurate, comprehensive medical history that respects individual differences, as it relates to the patient's health status
3. Communicate clearly; verbally, in writing, and electronically with patients, patients' families, and colleagues
4. Conduct a thorough and accurate physical and psychiatric evaluation in all patients of all ages, taking into account age, culture, ethnicity, disability, sex, gender, and gender identity.
5. Perform routine technical procedures
6. Interpret and integrate clinical data, including laboratory, radiology, and pathology studies
7. Reason deductively in solving clinical problems
8. Construct appropriate management strategies (both diagnostic and therapeutic) for patients with common acute and chronic conditions; including medical, psychiatric, and surgical conditions, those requiring short- and long-term rehabilitation, and those with serious conditions requiring critical care.
9. Appropriately relieve pain and ameliorate the suffering of patients
10. Incorporate the findings of emerging clinical and translational research into clinical decision-making and problem-solving, and be able to explain how the findings apply to patient care

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