**SPOTLIGHT on Resident Scholarship**

**Improving Medical Student Transition to Clerkships: Education in Pre-Rounding**

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Dr. Sammi Alspach is a third year resident in Internal Medicine. Dr. Alspach is interested in medical education, especially preparing medical students for pivotal transformations in their roles as learners and clinicians.

To enhance practical skills training in the School of Medicine Consolidation and Transition course, Dr. Alspach designed an online module that instructs students in the mechanics of a day on the Internal Medicine wards.

The module demonstrates how to efficiently review a medical record, evaluate a patient prior to rounds, and organize bedside oral presentations.

In 2018, 173 students approaching ward clerkships opted to view the module. Upon completion of the module, 88-97% correctly answered knowledge-acquisition questions. Dr. Alspach plans to examine the module’s impact by randomizing students to completing the module and directly observing their ward performance.

Dr. Alspach will be a Primary Care Provider and educator in the UW Neighborhood Belltown Clinic upon graduation in June.

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**Effective Pre-Rounding for Medical Students**

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“*This education intervenes at a critical point in this transformation and helps medical students feel more confident stepping on to the wards.*”