

Emory University School of Medicine
MD Program Outcomes
“Student Physician Activities” (SPAs)

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- SPA 1 Take a patient-centered history (focused and complete)
- SPA 2 Perform a physical examination (standard and “core and cluster”) and recognize normal and abnormal findings
- SPA 3 Demonstrate understanding of relevant scientific principles of medicine
- SPA 4 Prioritize a differential diagnosis based on clinical reasoning
- SPA 5 Develop a patient care plan
- SPA 6 Perform technical procedures
- SPA 7 Communicate with patients and their support system regarding their care
- SPA 8 Participate in difficult conversations with patients and their families
- SPA 9 Document and present patient findings and treatment plans
- SPA 10 Explain the scientific principles of medicine as applied to differential diagnoses and patient care plans
- SPA 11 Use electronic medical records
- SPA 12 Formulate clinical questions and search the literature for evidence that enhances patient care.
- SPA 13 Contribute to generalizable medical knowledge
- SPA 14 Apply best evidence to the care of individual patients
- SPA 15 Recognize and address ethical dilemmas
- SPA 16 Protect patient information
- SPA 17 Fulfill the unique professional role of a physician in society

- SPA 18 Manage time
- SPA 19 Be a leader
- SPA 20 Use feedback to improve one's own practices
- SPA 21 Demonstrate trustworthiness to patients, colleagues, and other healthcare personnel
- SPA 22 Treat patients while understanding own biases
- SPA 23 Treat patients without regard to personal advantage
- SPA 24 Work in interprofessional teams
- SPA 25 Identify personal limitations and seek assistance as needed
- SPA 26 Teach peers and team members
- SPA 27 Serve the community
- SPA 28 Contribute to healthcare quality and safety initiatives