CRMC RN PRESCRIBER IN THE FAMILY MEDICINE SETTING INTERNSHIP
Advanced RN Clinical Skills – RNPI2 – 2023-2024

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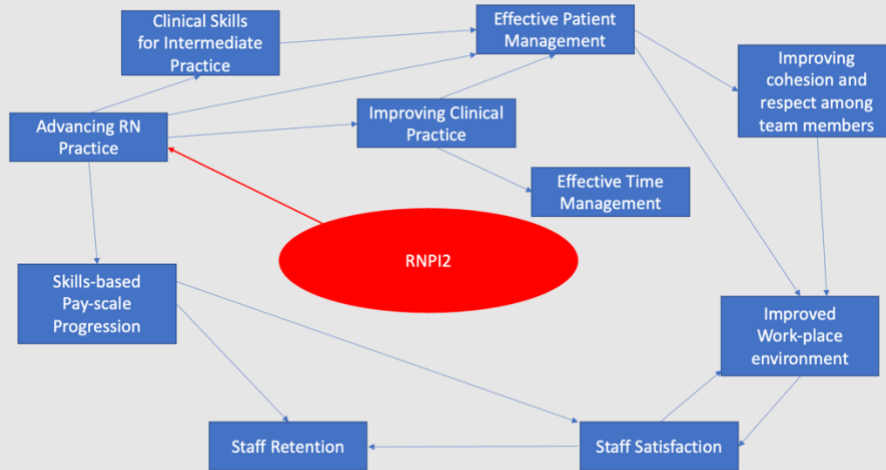melanie@cranstonridgemedical.com
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Textbooks:
- Connor, G. J. (2020). *ECG, EKG interpretation : a systematic approach to read 12-lead ECG and interpreting heart rhythms in 15 seconds or less without memorization*.
- Knight, R. (2010). *Essential NMRCGP CSA Preparation and Practice Cases*. Radcliffe Publishing.
- Ward, H., Barratt, J., & Paul, N. (2021). *Passing Your Advanced Nursing OSCE*. CRC Press.

Module Description:
The purpose of this professional course is multiple:
- To advance the clinical skills of the RN in regard to anatomy and pathophysiology.
- To provide the intern with the knowledge, skills, and attitude at the level expected of an advanced Registered Nurse Prescriber.
- To strengthen the clinical skills of the Registered Nurse, by allowing the nurse to develop critical-thinking capacity to better assist Family Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, and to better attend to the needs of the client in vision of future independent practice as an RN Prescriber.
- To enable the RN to maintain an up-to-date professional portfolio of clinical practice.
- To enable the RN to progress, through further available training.
- To achieve the highest level of proficiency in the setting of Community Health Nursing, and Primary Health Care Nursing.

Concept Map:

Learning Objectives:

To equip the Registered Nurse with advanced clinical knowledge and skills in anatomy and pathophysiology that will allow the intern to achieve the following competencies:

- ECG interpretation
- Safely performing a PAP smear
- Determining the sounds of the heart and their physiology and pathology
- Determining the sounds of the lungs and their physiology and pathology
- Determining the sounds of the abdomen and their physiology and pathology
- Performing a complete abdominal examination and discerning pathological finds
- Assessing for possible renal injury
- Completing cranial nerves examination and discerning pathological findings
- Completing a knee examination and discerning pathological findings
- Completing an ENT examination and discerning pathological findings
- Completing a preliminary eye exam and discerning pathological findings
- Identifying possible Melanomas
- Identifying possible Basal Cell Carcinomas
- Identifying possible Squamous Cell Carcinomas
- Identifying possible bone fractures

Assessment:

Practical – the Registered Nurse will be evaluated by the Medical Director, Associate Family Physician, and the Senior/Lead RN Prescriber of the clinic through direct and indirect observation, and by the evaluation of the clinical notes completed by the intern. To be successful, the intern must achieve a score of 3 on a 1-3 grading system and equivalent to a score of 70% or higher.

Instructional Activities:

The module will be taught over the period of 3 months through live sessions taught by the Medical Director, Associate Family Physician, and the Senior/Lead RN Prescriber of CRMC, and through direct patient contact where the intern will be able to interact directly with the instructor and with patients and demonstrate their newly acquired skills in practice.

Chapters #	Chapter Name	Objectives	Contents	Delivery Method	Assessment
1	Introduction to the Module	To familiarize with the objectives of the course	The Learning Objectives of the Module	Live in-person session	N/A
2	The role of the Advanced Skills RN in the Family Medicine setting	To familiarize with the advanced skill set for the RN in clinical practice in primary care for anatomy and pathophysiology	The concepts behind each section of the module and the strategies used to apply them into clinical practice	Live in-person session & RN Clinical Practice	Direct and indirect supervision
3	The theory of RN clinical skills in the Family Medicine setting	To familiarize the RN with and to understand the theory behind this module from Nursing and Medical literature.	Extracts from Nursing and Medical literature relevant to the module.	Self-Study Time	Direct and indirect supervision with frequent bed-side teachings and revisions
4	Clinical Practice	To orientate and introduce the RN to the practical aspect of the module directly on the patients	The module will include all the competencies illustrated above	RN Clinical Practice	Direct and indirect supervision with frequent bed-side teachings and revisions