

## Student Patient Differential Diagnosis Worksheet

**Purpose:** Improve the accuracy of creating a differential diagnosis for a geriatric patient's clinical condition.

**Goal:** To develop and rank order appropriate differential diagnosis of geriatric patients' clinical problems.

**Objectives:** Utilize a student/patient worksheet to support a more meaningful interaction between the student and patient such that the student can refine their diagnosis, treatment, and management capabilities.

**Target Population:** 4<sup>th</sup> Year Geriatrics Clerkship Students.

**How it Works:** Students select two patient encounters during their core geriatrics clerkship rotation. The student completes the worksheet addressing the patient's problem and / or geriatric syndrome including a listing of differential diagnoses and ranking the likelihood of these. Once the student has worked through the differential diagnosis and established their identified diagnosis, treatment plan, and management plan they review the completed worksheets with their assigned attending and receive feedback.

