




Approach to the Patient

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Teaching the Residents how to approach a patient with a certain symptom/finding/disease.



Loosely based on the Kelly's/
Harrison "The approach to the
patient with.....

Multiple Sources used, including:

- JAMA's "The Rational Exam"
- NEJM's "CPC"
- Mayo Clinic Journal
- Cleveland Clinic Journal
- American Journal of Medicine (the green journal and others)



Heavy doses of experience both
good and bad



Heavy doses of osteopathic philosophy

Conference style setting with dry eraser board (not PowerPoint)

- Ours is in the library
- 45' – 1 (Thursday)
- Resident's, students, rotator's
- Interactive
- I generally pick topics and are system based (example, GI one month)
- I try to pick a topic correlating with the resident monthly rotation
- Computer , reference texts (Have handy)

WHY?

- Interactive and inherently different than lecture.
- Good way to cover board questions.
- Also good way for residents to consider the entire person.

WHY?

- EBM Applied – Good time to discuss “How physicians think.” Sutton’s law/ slip, last case syndrome, worst case syndrome, etc.
- Enforces necessity of good H&P
- Discuss pitfalls – Example: Relying on someone else, diagnosis from previous records or ER, etc.