

Take Six!

Chicago Medical School's Touchstones of Excellence

Chicago Medical School educates physicians & scientists dedicated to providing exemplary, compassionate patient care and excellence in scientific discovery within an interprofessional environment. To that end, CMS strives to instill in every student the incumbent medical and scientific knowledge, skills, attitudes and values that the field of medicine and society expect of a physician. The following measurable competencies and their associated objectives – our touchstones of excellence – reflect this overall goal.

- I. Medical and Scientific Knowledge:** Knowledge about established and evolving biomedical, clinical, epidemiological and social-behavioral sciences and application of this knowledge to caring for patients.
- II. Patient Care and Prevention:** Patient care that is compassionate, appropriate and effective for the promotion of health, prevention of illness, treatment of disease and the end of life.
- III. Professionalism and Self-Awareness:** Commitment to professional service, adherence to ethical principles, sensitivity to diverse patient populations, and awareness of one's own interests and vulnerabilities.
- IV. Practice-Based, Life-Long Learning:** Ability to appraise and assimilate scientific evidence and methods to investigate, evaluate and improve one's own patient care practices.
- V. Systems-Based, Interprofessional Practice:** Awareness of and responsiveness to the larger context of health care and the ability to call on system resources and other healthcare professionals to provide optimal care.
- VI. Interpersonal and Communication Skills:** Effective understanding, information exchange, and teamwork with patients, their families, and other health professionals.

