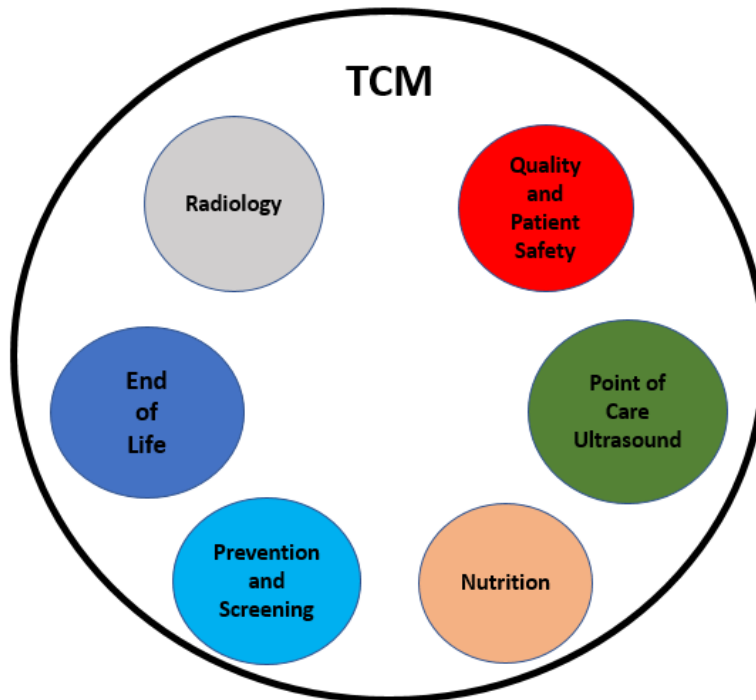


Topics in Clinical Medicine – Vertically Integrated Curricula



“Topics in Clinical Medicine” (TCM) is a SSOM Course which encompasses the Vertically Integrated Curricula (VICs).

VICs are relevant and contemporary curricular topics that span multiple disciplines and are therefore learned/taught/evaluated across the four year curriculum.

The six VICs are:

End of Life
Nutrition
Quality and Patient Safety
Point of Care Ultrasound
Prevention and Screening
Radiology

The goal of these vertically integrated curricula is to further student development into physicians who provide evidence-based, appropriate, effective, safe, compassionate and quality care.

Each VIC has established objectives. Acquisition of knowledge, skills, and professional attitudes and behaviors is evaluated as part of the course/clerkship assessment(s) into which the VIC material is integrated.

A final comprehensive "Capstone" TCM exam is given at the end of the third year after the individual components of a VIC are completed.

A clinical skills exercise assessing cumulative skills in ambulatory medicine developed in year three is also a required component of TCM.

Attaining a Pass in TCM is required for graduation and to do so a student must receive a Pass in each individual VIC and the end of third year clinical skills exercise.