“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 five VICs are:

- End of Life
- 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.

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.

**Topics in Clinical Medicine 3 Exam**

The Topics in Clinical Medicine 3 exam will be held/delivered in **June 2023**.

The exam will include multiple-choice questions from the five Vertically Integrated Curricula (VIC):

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

Students are provided Objectives for each VIC exam to guide their studies and they are available on the individual VIC websites on LUMEN, as are resources for preparation for the exams.

**Students must PASS each individual VIC exam with a score of at least 70% in order to pass the Topics in Medicine 3 course and meet the criteria for graduation.**

**Radiology Exam:**
The Radiology exam will be via a traditional “closed book” format which will be delivered in the sit-down labs on **Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 2:00 pm**.

If the Radiology Exam is not passed on June 8, students will be required to prepare for and pass a written remediation exam **on Friday, June 23, 2023**.

**End of Life, Point of Care Ultrasound, Prevention/Screening and Quality/Patient Safety:**

The End of Life, Point of Care Ultrasound, Prevention/Screening and Quality/Patient Safety exams will be individual online open-book exams accessible on the PCM 3 site, in Sakai, from **3:00 pm on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 until 5 pm on Thursday, June 15, 2023**.

Each of the VIC exams must be completed and components will be graded separately. Once an individual exam is accessed on Sakai, students will have 30 minutes to complete that exam.
If an individual VIC exam is not passed by June 15, students will be required to repeat the VIC exam on the PCM 3 site in Sakai. The exam will be available from 12 pm on Friday, June 16, 2023 until 11:55pm on Friday, June 23, 2023.

If any VIC exam or exams are not successfully passed by June 23, 2023, a grade of “Incomplete” will be given for the Topics in Medicine-3 course until successful remediation of the failed exam(s) by August 25, 2023. The remediation exams will be administered electronically through Sakai.

If any VIC exam or exams are not successfully remediated by August 25, this will result in a “Fail” for TCM-3. The student will have the “Fail” grade appear on their transcript until they successfully remediate and pass the failed VIC exam(s), at which time the grade on the transcript will become P*.

Failure to make timely arrangements to sit for the remediation exam(s) will result in a “Concern” for the Professionalism Competency.