NOTE: THIS IS NOT AN INDIVIDUAL ELECTIVE. THIS IS 1 OF 5 ‘SUBSPECIALTIES’ BEING OFFERED UNDER THE ELECTIVE: PMR 9000 – PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION. PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE PMR 9000 ELECTIVE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

OVERALL EDUCATIONAL GOAL OF ELECTIVE
To introduce students to the specialty of physical medicine and rehabilitation. To become familiar with the needs of individuals who have sustained acquired brain injury. To evaluate and formulate treatment plans unique to these individuals. To work closely on an interdisciplinary inpatient acquired brain injury service, which will include both didactic teaching and clinic instruction in the field of inpatient acquired brain injury.

OBJECTIVES
- To learn how to effectively communicate with the members of the rehabilitation team.
- To learn how to prescribe physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy.
- To become familiar with the special needs of the acquired brain injury population to include inpatient rehabilitation and discharge planning.
- Incorporate comprehensive care and outreach as part of the therapeutic services provided on an inpatient basis.
- To appreciate the psychosocial aspects of rehabilitative care.
- To become familiar with various methods of spasticity management.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES
The student will do rounds on an inpatient acquired brain injury service with the attending, fellow and resident. Students will interact with the Interdisciplinary Team to include occupational, physical and speech therapy as well as psychology, neuropsychology and nursing. The student will interact with the various medical disciplines in an effort to optimize patient care and recovery. The student will be involved in family meetings and psychosocial assessment and care.

METHOD OF STUDENT EVALUATION
Direct observation of clinical and interpersonal skills by the attending and the resident of the inpatient service.