**Overall Educational Goal of Elective**
Students will gain experience in the differential diagnosis and treatment of the problems commonly afflicting the aged.

**Objectives**

I. Patient care – Students will be involved in direct patient care of older adults with psychiatric and cognitive disturbances.

II. Medical knowledge – Students are expected display their medical knowledge pertaining to conducting a history and mental status examination, formulating a DSM-IV differential diagnosis, developing a treatment plan, and prescribing psychopharmacology in the elderly population.

III. Practice-based learning and improvement - Students are expected to review the clinical literature throughout the rotation and incorporate concepts into their clinical experience.

IV. Interpersonal and communication skills – students will develop interpersonal and communication skills germane to working with families of patients with dementia.

V. Professionalism – Students will be expected to demonstrate appropriate professional demeanor, ethics and respect for patients’ confidentiality.

VI. Systems-based Practice – Students will work with outside institutions pertaining to the continuity of care of the patients they follow. This may include communication with nursing homes.

**Brief Description of Activities**
Students will attend the Geriatric Psychiatry clinic with focus on Memory Disorders. The students will work directly with a Geriatric Psychiatrist and Social Workers.

**Method of Student Evaluation**
The psychiatrist who directly supervises the students will complete an evaluation form at the end of the rotation.

**Are There Any Prerequisites for This Elective?** No

**Is This Elective Available to Third Year Medical Students As Well?** Yes