

Draft Letter for students

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Dear Harvard Medical and Dental School students:

You are all aware of the change in this year's curriculum, including the centralization of the PD2-course. As of this year we will be staging centralized sessions in Geriatric Medicine, much like Pediatrics and Obstetrics & Gynecology. The centralized geriatric medicine sessions will take place on the Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 5pm on January 16th and 30th, and February 13th and 27th, with approximately one quarter of the entire class being taught at each session.

As much as we want the sessions to be the best formative experience they can be, we also want them to be fun, starting off in the Shapiro Simulation Center at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center before being bussed to the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for the 'real' experience.

In order for us to learn whether the centralized session in Geriatrics is worthwhile or not, we need to assess the process. As part of this assessment we ask you to send us a copy of a **write-up of an elderly, de-identified patient, who you have seen over the past 6 weeks.**

You may just attach such a write-up and reply to this email-address. We will ask for a similar write-up in March.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely,