

Description of R2 ICU-Critical Care Rotation, IMMC

I. Length of Rotation:

The ICU Pulmonary/Critical Care rotation will be a four week rotation.

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III. Logistics of Rotation:

- A. The resident will report to the unit manager of the ICU for orientation on the first day of the service at 6:30 a.m. The assigned attending physician for the month will also help orient the resident and will provide a list of patients the resident is to follow.
- B. The resident will be expected to be available in the ICU to the nurses and staff physicians from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each weekday. This is considered the minimum time the resident will need to be available.
- C. The resident must attend formal sign-in and sign-out daily Monday through Friday in order to assure proper transfer of patient care occurs. In addition, the resident may take call during the weekend. If the residents is on call Sunday, he or she must leave by 10:30 AM Monday morning in order to remain in compliance with the Duty Hours.

IV. Description of Rotation:

- A. The purpose of the rotation is to teach the resident how to properly manage patients who are critically ill. Many of these patients will have co-existing diseases requiring skills associated with general internal medicine. To properly evaluate and treat these patients, the resident will need to perform a complete history and physical examination and order appropriate diagnostic tests. The resident will then need to order and carry out appropriate therapies and monitor the patient's response to therapy.
- B. The principal teaching method will be bedside teaching. Discussions will center on the evaluation and treatment of common problems encountered in the ICU. There will also be discussion of more complex cases that will only be seen in a tertiary critical care center. Certain subjects will require a didactic format and others will require independent reading by the resident.
- C. The resident will become familiar with diagnosis, treatment and pathophysiology of acute respiratory failure secondary to multiple causes including but not limited to ARDS, pneumonia, neuromuscular disease, cardiogenic pulmonary edema and COPD. The resident will also become familiar with stabilization of the patient in shock by identifying and treating the underlying cause.
- D. The rotation will require the resident to learn central line placement,

pulmonary artery catheterization with hemodynamic data interpretation, and the basics of mechanical ventilation. The resident will also become familiar with the evaluation and management of drug overdose patients.

V. Competency-Specific Goals and Objectives

Patient Care

Residents must be able to provide patient care that is compassionate, appropriate, and effective for the treatment of health problems and the promotion of health. Residents are expected to:

- perform rapid, directed H&P based on patient's presentation.
- learn to use family, pre-ICU personnel and outside hospital records to obtain patient information.
- evaluate patients for possible procedures and perform procedures with maximum safety and only as necessary.
- use medical technology in accordance with patients' wishes.

Medical Knowledge

Residents must demonstrate knowledge about established and evolving biomedical, clinical, and epidemiological sciences and the application of this knowledge to patient care. Residents are expected to:

- read about patients' medical problems.
- question attending and consultants about patient management.
- utilizes web-based resources.

Practice-Based Learning & Improvement

Residents must be able to investigate and evaluate their patient care practices, appraise and assimilate scientific evidence, and improve their patient care practices. Residents are expected to:

- listen to suggestions from non-physician members of health care team.

Interpersonal and Communication Skills

Residents must be able to demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills that result in effective information exchange with patients, families and professional associates.

Residents are expected to:

- always ask patients and families if they have questions.
- always discuss rationale and possible risks of procedures

Professionalism

Residents must demonstrate a commitment to carry out professional responsibilities, adhere to ethical principles, and demonstrate sensitivity in caring for a diverse patient population. Residents are expected to:

- be respectful to members of the health care team.
- be respectful of patients' decisions.
- discuss prognosis honestly and accurately with patients and families.

Systems-Based Practice

Residents must demonstrate an awareness of, and responsiveness to, the larger context and system of health care and the ability to effectively call on system resources to provide optimal care of patients. Residents are expected to:

- become familiar with guidelines applicable to ICU.
- become familiar with the role of the social worker and head nurse in ICU.

VI. Ancillary Educational Materials

- A. Residents will review the basic ICU monograph The ICU Book by Marino.
- B. Required reading for the rotation will also include articles provided by the staff as well as appropriate chapters in a general internal medicine textbook.
- C. Residents should also access online resources such as UpToDate, www.chestnet.org, www.sccm.org, and www.thoracic.org.

VII. Patient Care Responsibilities

- A. The maximum number of patients the resident will follow will be 12. The resident will be responsible for initial evaluation and daily follow-up of these patients in the unit. The resident will communicate directly with the ICU attending staff.

The resident will receive direct and indirect supervision, as appropriate, from The Pulmonary/Critical Care Attending Physicians.

- B. No vacation time will be allowed during the rotation.
- C. The resident will be excused from weekly continuity of care clinics. The resident should notify these clinics in advance of this month to assure clinics have been appropriately canceled.
- D. The resident will be responsible for initial history and physical, transfer and discharge summaries and daily progress notes.
- E. The resident will provide supervision and teaching to first year residents and fourth year medical students assigned to the ICU.
- F. The resident will become proficient in placing central lines, Swan Ganz catheters, placement of arterial lines, and endotracheal intubation procedures. The resident will provide evidence that they have met program direct supervision requirements for these procedures, or will be observed during these procedures by the ICU attending staff physicians before performing them under indirect supervision.

VIII. Evaluation

At the end of the rotation, the resident will be evaluated by the supervising faculty. Personal feedback will be provided and an evaluation form will be completed and returned to the residency office. The evaluation form will be reviewed and signed by the resident.

The resident will be evaluated by faculty in each of the required six general competency areas as follows:

A. Patient Care:

1. Demonstrate ability to effectively evaluate and manage patients with critical care conditions.
2. Demonstrate competence with required procedures encountered during the rotation. Resident competence should be assessed during the month for

central venous line placement, arterial line placement, Swan Ganz catheter insertion and ET intubation.

- B. Medical Knowledge:** Demonstrate ability to access and critically evaluate current medical information relevant to critical care and demonstrate understanding of any assigned reading materials.
- C. Practice-Based Learning:** Demonstrate ability to identify gaps in knowledge and skills in the care of patients with critical care conditions and demonstrate real-time strategies to address these gaps. Demonstrate ability to teach junior learners when subintern or intern on service.
- D. Interpersonal and Communication Skills:** Demonstrate adequate communication abilities in dealings with patients and families. Demonstrate timely and complete medical records, including admission notes, daily progress notes, procedure notes and appropriate transfer notes when patients transferred out of critical care unit.
- E. Professionalism:** Demonstrate respectful behavior towards patients and families, colleagues, nurses and other allied health personnel. Always protect patient confidentiality and provide informed consent.
- F. Systems-Based Practice:** Demonstrate an evidence-based, cost-conscious approach to patient care. Collaborate with nursing, social services and other allied health care providers to assure timely, comprehensive care provided, especially regarding timely and appropriate transfer of patients out of the critical care unit.

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