

# Iowa Heart Center Cardiology Elective Rotation

## I. General Information

- A. Length: 2 - 4 weeks, as arranged with Program Director and Rotation Coordinator
- B. Rotation Coordinator: Craig Clark, D.O.
- C. Faculty: Members of the IHC Cardiology group in Des Moines will serve as faculty during the rotation. Dr. Clark will work with residents primarily at Iowa Lutheran Hospital, Dr. Dave McAllister will work with residents at Mercy Hospital (and can coordinate rotations with other Mercy-based Iowa Heart Center cardiologists), and Dr. Dave Laughrun will work with residents at IMMC.

## III. Where to Report for Orientation

- A. Residents should contact Dr. Clark at his office on the Iowa Lutheran campus prior to the start of the rotation. The phone number is 263-0900. The office address is 1250 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA 50316.
- B. Residents will clarify with Dr. Clark where and who to report to on the first day and what Clinical activities they will participate in during the rotation.

## IV. Objectives and Description

- A. Educational Purpose

The purpose of the rotation is to gain didactic and clinical knowledge in the care of patients with a variety of cardiology concerns.
- B. Principal Teaching Methods
  1. Active patient care: Supervising faculty will have you see patients in a variety of settings. You will see the patients first and then staff the patients with supervising faculty. Opportunities to perform stress examinations, review echocardiogram and other cardiac diagnostic studies, and to participate in invasive cardiac interventions will be available.
  2. Didactic Sessions: Faculty will engage you in discussions about topics pertinent to your patients, and may provide supplemental reading specific to problems encountered or requested topics for further study.

## V. Patient Care

- A. You will be expected to see assigned patients, devise a logical care plan, staff the patient with the attending cardiologist, and then complete necessary documentation in the medical record.
- B. You can gain expertise in cardiac diagnostic testing by performing and reviewing these examinations as arranged with attending staff.

## **VI. Expected Attendance**

- A. Hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Weekends and holidays are free of patient care responsibilities.
- B. On call coverage: You are not expected to cover call for this service, although you may be scheduled for night call by the residency program during the rotation.
- C. You are expected to attend your weekly continuity clinics and the Wednesday morning and noon teaching conferences during the rotation.

## **VII. Method of Evaluation**

- A. At the end of the rotation, you will be asked to evaluate the rotation. Your comments will be used to improve the rotation for subsequent residents.
- B. 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:

1. Patient Care: The resident should demonstrate an ability to effectively evaluate and examine patients presenting with a wide variety of cardiac concerns.
2. Medical Knowledge: The resident should demonstrate an understanding of how to evaluate and treat common cardiac patient concerns and should demonstrate the ability to access and critically evaluate information relevant to less common cardiology problems encountered during the rotation.
3. Practice-Based Learning: The resident should demonstrate the ability to identify gaps in knowledge and skills in the care of cardiology patients and demonstrate real-time strategies to address these gaps.
4. Interpersonal and Communication Skills: The resident should demonstrate appropriate communication skills with patients and families encountered during the rotation.
5. Professionalism: The resident should demonstrate respectful behavior towards patients and families, colleagues, nurses and other allied health personnel. The resident must always protect patient confidentiality and provide informed consent.
6. Systems-Based Practice: The resident should demonstrate the ability to collaborate with Iowa Heart Center physicians, nurses and other staff to assure timely, comprehensive care is provided and to assure that proper follow-up is arranged.