

MS 4 EMERGENCY MEDICINE ROTATION

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1. OBJECTIVES OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE ROTATION:

Students rotating in the Emergency Department of RETGH can expect to encounter a wide variety of patients with emergent, urgent & routine medical, surgical, gynecological and psychiatric complaints. Our goal is to ensure the student completes the rotation with a general understanding of the principles of prehospital care, initial evaluation & stabilization of critical medical and trauma patients; when to consult for definitive care; evaluation & treatment of common ED complaints; and appropriate disposition of emergency patients. In no way can the 26 day rotation expose you to the entire breadth & depth of emergency medicine but we hope you can get a good idea of modern emergency medical care, and have fun learning!

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR ROTATION & GRADING POLICIES:

Show up for all shifts, on time, appropriately attired (scrubs or business attire, no dangling hair, no open toe shoes), ready to work, with your log book, a pen & a stethoscope. If you feel too sick to work, you must come in the ED and been seen by an attending or see your primary care physician. If an emergency arises preventing you from working your shift, call Terry Velez and the attending in the ED (521-7700). You will be required to make up any absences regardless of the nature of your emergency to obtain full credit for the rotation.

You will be assigned to a side of the ED and an attending for all AM/PM shifts when two students are on the same shift. When there is only one student on a shift, you may see patients on either/both sides with permission of attendings. You are expected to act as the primary provider for the patients you see on these shifts. The faculty member is your resource for this rotation – you will not be assigned to a resident except for procedure instruction/supervision & on the weekend nights.

All patients are to be presented to faculty before orders are written and before pelvic, rectal, or hernia exams are done. Please advise your faculty member if you are picking up a Class I (critical) or Class II (urgent) patient as primary provider BEFORE you go see the patient, in case immediate intervention is necessary.

Do not leave the department without advising your faculty. Expect to eat your meals in the ED, although you will be allowed to leave the department to get food from the cafeteria if you desire. There is a refrigerator and microwave oven in the ED for physician/student use for drinks & lunches.

You are expected to attend all Thursday morning conferences – no exceptions. Failure to attend will result in failure of the rotation.

Your grade will be based on completion of all mandatory requirements & the patient encounter forms that faculty will complete for the cases you present on your shifts, at the time of your patient encounters. Under no circumstances will you ask a faculty member to fill out a patient encounter form after the shift is complete (i.e., the next day or later). If you need additional encounter forms, Terry will provide them to you.

You will be graded as “above expected for level of training, as expected for level of training, or below expected for level of training” on several criteria for each patient encounter, such as: PE, presentation, differential diagnosis & plan, procedural skills, data interpretation, written record & overall. To obtain honors the student must obtain at least 72% of all scores in the “above expected for level of training” and no more than one (1) “below expected” of all scores. High pass will be given to those students earning between 60% - 71% of scores in the “above expected” category, with no more than 3 “below expected. Students earning > 50% of scores in the “below expected” category are on track for failure & should schedule a mid-rotation counseling session with Dr. Stump.

Critical care students will complete at least 20 patient encounter forms (attached), which must include at least one each of: chest pain, respiratory complaint, abdominal/flank pain, pelvic pain or VB, trauma level II and diabetic complications. Elective students not attempting honors will choose at least 14 patient encounter forms to complete (but must include the cases listed above - CP, SOB, ABD pain, VB/pelvic, trauma and DM). Elective students attempting honors will complete at least 16 cases, with the previously listed mandatory inclusions. All students will complete the appropriate sections of the attached logbook (note additional requirements for critical care/elective honors students).

Students will give a 15 minute presentation at Thursday morning conference while on rotation. Please schedule this with Dr. Anthony Saldivar, MD, chief resident for academics.

Elective students will be assigned 14 shifts, to include an EMS ride-out. Critical Care students will be assigned 15 shifts to include an EMS ride-out, and two consecutive 10PM – 8AM shifts, preferably Friday and Saturday.

The 2 weekend night shifts (Fri/Sat, 10PM – 8AM) are for critical care students to assist EM physicians evaluating & treating critical patients. You will most likely get to prep & close wounds, reduce fractures & dislocations, perform CPR, FAST exams and other procedures during these times. Make yourselves available & be in the trauma room if any resuscitations are being performed! If for some reason it is very slow & there are no procedures for the students, with the permission of the attending you may see patients as primary caregiver. Be sure to ask faculty first.

EMS ride-outs are mandatory and cannot be traded due to security passes/ID issues. Terry will provide necessary paperwork & directions.

3. ADDITIONAL INFO:

Any students interested in EM residency (here or elsewhere) are strongly encouraged to work at least 2 shifts with Drs. Greer, Stump and Nelson if you will be requesting a letter of recommendation. See Dr. Stump or Terry Velez if schedule changes are necessary.

If you have any questions during the rotation, please contact Dr. Stump or leave message at the office. Terry Velez is the Med Student Coordinator and may be reached at the office.

We hope you enjoy your rotation in the ED, and learn a lot about how emergency medicine is practiced. Don't hesitate to ask if there is anything you need to enhance your experience with us. We enjoy teaching medical students and want you to have a very positive experience, regardless of your specialty choice. Thanks for electing to rotate with us!