

Student Responsibilities at VA

Orientation

A mandatory introductory meeting will be held on the first day of each 4 week rotation. This meeting will be held in the Internal Medicine on the 8th Floor, Building 2, Room B823. Students will receive a brief orientation of the hospital and will be introduced to their assigned house staff and Medicine Department staff.

Structure

There will be 4 admitting teams with 4 residents and 1 intern each.

Day 1 of the 4 day call cycle will be the admission day. The team can start admitting patients at 7AM and no later than 2AM the following morning. The team can admit up to 9 admissions and 1 MICU transfer per admission day.

The maximum census for the team is 10 patients.

Typical day

1. Get here early enough to write the SOAP notes on your patients before rounding with the resident. The interns typically like to round at 7:30 AM every day.
2. Give a short presentation to the intern/resident about the findings and proposed plan and daily course for the patient. Limit this to less than 2-3 minutes per patient.
3. The teaching attending will round at 10:00AM (after resident report). Make sure that you know everything about your patients (labs, medications – including routes and dosages, plan, etc.) You should know MORE about your patient than anyone else on the team. Also, read about the medical problems so that you can answer any questions.
4. Attend conferences at noon and the mandatory student conferences.
5. Check out with your intern/resident before leaving for the day to see if there are any other tasks to be done on your patients. Remember that these are also your patients and you should take ownership for them.

Call Day

1. Preround on your patients prior to 7AM and complete your SOAP notes.
2. Your resident will page you when there is an admission. Attend the interview and take notes regarding the presentation. The housestaff may not do a complete history and physical on the initial encounter.
3. You should go back again and do a more complete history and physical, whenever possible. Let your intern and resident know if you found out new information or other information. Always discuss with them before presenting new findings in front of the attending.

4. You will admit up to four patients. Pick one that you want to present and try to do this on your call day. You are expected to document 2 H&Ps for the chart.
5. Review an H&P from your first call cycle and turn it into your attending for feedback. DO NOT wait for your attending to ask for the H&P! If you have a 4-week attending, you will review one H&P from each two-week period.
6. All students will be dismissed at the latest 9PM on a call night. If heading to your car after dark, please call the personal escort service at 214-857-0411 for your safety.
7. Post-call rounds occur at 7:00AM.

Conferences

Students are excused from clinical duties for the following mandatory conferences.

CONFERENCES & LECTURES		
Noon Lectures (see weekly schedules)	Monday-Friday	12:00pm
Team Oriented Teaching Sessions	1 st Monday	9:00am - 12:00pm
	3 rd Monday	8:15am – 11:30am