Night Resident Responsibilities

There are five upper level residents in house at night from 7:00 PM until 7:00 AM on Sunday through Thursday night; there are 3 upper level residents in house on Friday and Saturday nights. On Sunday night through Thursday night, the night float resident is responsible for admissions to medical services, cross cover issues throughout the night, and performing any procedures required for patients on medicine services. On Friday and Saturday nights, when interns stay in-house, the night resident will assist the interns with these tasks.

Night float residents and day ward residents work with the interns as a team to provide continuity of care to the patients on the service. The attending for a given night float patient is the attending on the service to whom the patient is being floated. If the patient is very ill or moves to the ICU, you should contact the attending on the service the patient was admitted to.

The night float residents should be available to assist with general medicine consults at night. One of the night float residents should carry the GMC pager overnight and divide the consults fairly amongst the nightfloat residents and the Hospitalist. Please contact the hospitalist with any consults that need staffed.

1) Sign out from the day ward resident will occur at 7:00PM. Devise a plan with the ward resident for any outstanding admissions or procedures.

2) Sign out from the night float to the day ward resident will occur at 7:00AM in 3AD conference room.

3) The night float resident is responsible for dictating or typing the admission history and physical exam on each patient admitted after the teams have capped.

4) For each patient admission being floated, contact the intern who will be assuming care at 0700 and give them the medical record number and a brief account of the patient’s major issues.

5) You should become familiar with the attending on each of the teams you are covering and contact the attending with any questions you may have related to patients on their service.

6) One of the night float residents should page the covering Hospitalist (123-7070) at 19:30 to determine roughly how many admissions Med H will be able to take overnight.

7) Specialty patients who are not going to be seen by a specialty attending on the day of admission (up until Midnight) can be staffed by the hospitalist service.

8) Technically, you are responsible for admissions called at 6:59 AM; however, it is reasonable to pass these along to the ward team or Dayfloat if they are agreeable.

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