

The Ward Resident

1. Sign Out Rounds start at 0700 by meeting the Night Resident in the KICKU. Important overnight events can be relayed as well as detailed sign-out on admissions from the previous night.
2. Rounds
 - a. Develop a team itinerary (w/attending) that allows the teams to attend morning report at 1000. This requires advanced planning but can change as the census changes. Residents are expected to attend morning report, even when they are on a ward service.
3. Admissions
 - a. The expectation is for patients to be admitted in < 90 minutes from the time you were called. So no need to do the entire chart biopsy prior to seeing patient.
 - b. If you believe you will take longer than 90 minutes to perform a complete work-up, then basic admission orders should be written to expedite getting the patient to the assigned room. This should take place after a brief history is obtained in addition to determining the patient's stability.
 - c. Keep track of the number of patients your interns are carrying. Each intern may carry no more than 12 patients. On weekdays, you may need to redistribute patients in order for the on call intern to admit 5 new patients.
 - d. The resident is responsible for entering the admission information on the Medicine Admissions List on Webcis, including the time of the admission.
 - e. A "bounceback" patient is considered to be one who returns to a ward service after either being discharged or sent to an ICU level care for 72 hours or less. If this time exceeds the 72 hours by a small amount, it may be in the patient's best interest to return to the original team instead of being placed on another team. Bounceback admissions do not count toward the admission cap. After being discharged from the hospital for 48 hours or less, a patient may be admitted to a service different than the discharging service if the patient is being admitted for an entirely different medical reason from the last admission.
4. Clinic
 - a. Ward residents have on-call clinics.
 - b. Round before clinic, which begins at 9:30AM
5. Sign-out
 - a. 7 pm is the scheduled sign out of the service to the Night Resident.
 - b. At 7 pm a plan should be developed on how to deal with outstanding tasks. The Ward resident cannot stay beyond 9 pm on weekdays.

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