

Hi,

I welcome you to the MICU rotation and would like to give you a little bit of information about how the rotation works.

1. First and foremost, you are part of a team, and the rotation goes much more smoother if we all work together. For this reason, it is important that you pay close attention on rounds. Try to focus between 9am-noon on patient care and teaching while avoiding cross talks as much as possible.

2. Team Format:

There are now two MICU teams ( MICU 1 and MICU 2). You will be assigned to one of the two teams on the first day of your rotation. Every day, apart from the post call person, there will be two (or three) interns and one senior resident working. The interns admit new patients during the daytime so if you want/need to pick up a new patient then you will work with them. Resident/fellow supervising the intern will review the case with you as well.

3. Patient Care:

Please remember to check the board EVERY DAY in the morning and before leaving to ensure that you see the correct patients. Do not hesitate to contact MICU fellow or even MICU staff if you have any questions or concerns regarding your patient or even rotation.

4. Notes and Documentation:

Documenting H and P's, progress notes and procedure notes in a timely fashion is of critical importance in ICU. They should be done by 5 pm. Good notes are the only way of effective communication about patient's progress. Your notes should clearly reflect daily changes in clinical status and management rather than copy and pasting previous day note. Please document any significant change in clinical status occurring after the morning rounds or afterhours.

5. Education:

Morning rounds are the best time for teaching, so we want you all to be engaged! We have very knowledgeable staff, so please take advantage of them. Hopefully at times with less workload, we will have some planned discussions may be at 8:30am or 2:30pm. Goal is 1-2 sessions per week.

6. Conferences:

Every Monday, there is mandatory ICU sign-out rounds at Noon. There is Journal Club in the middle of the month. At the end of the month is M&M conference.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions to make this month an educational and enjoyable experience.

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