

PGY II Resident Rotation in EMS

General Provisions:

- Generally, the workweek is Monday through Friday. Occasionally some weekend days may be worked. Hopefully we will have enough notice of those days, but there may be times where we are called up for unexpected situations, day or night. Please be available or at least reachable. Make sure we have your contact information.
- Your schedule will be provided just prior to the start of the rotation and discussed at the beginning of the month. It is by no means static, however, and things will be **continuously added and/or deleted as necessary**. **ALL** changes need to be approved by Dr. Wagner and coordinated through Cathy without exceptions. Keeping the lines of communications open constantly is critical to avoid misunderstandings.
- We need to have copies of current TB test, Hepatitis vaccine series or titers or declination statement, in our files. You will also be required to watch a blood borne pathogens brief.
- Dress appropriately for field and office. You always have the potential to be in a field situation. You will be attending meetings with other organizations and people, so no jeans, shorts, caps, scrub pants or tennis shoes. On dedicated field days scrub tops (in good condition) are acceptable.
- For “ride-alongs,” please dress weather appropriate. Please remember that you will be “seeing” patients and their families. You are still a “doctor” even if you are out in the street.
- For work within Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority (SVMCA) office at Synergy Medical North Flex you can use the residents’ office. This office is equipped with computer and Internet access, and is designated for resident’s use, among other uses. At Synergy Medical Main you can use the residents’ room.
- Cathy will be our main support for EMS administrative issues. Please use her services wisely. Cheryl will also be available as needed.
- You will have frequent and continued interaction with the Medical Director, having the opportunity to discuss all aspects of EMS and, specifically, those activities in which you participated.

Didactic Work:

- You may be participating in didactic education to EMT Basic and Paramedic classes. This will vary depending on the month. These lectures may be at night (6p – 9p), and may be out of the Saginaw area (Tuscola, Mt Pleasant, Clare, Arenac, Bay, or Crawford counties).
- If your rotation falls on an “EMS lecture” month, you are expected to contribute in preparing the lecture and possibly giving part of it. Further discussion when you start.
- An EMS manual will be provided. You will read this in its entirety throughout the month. A schedule will be provided and topics will be discussed with the medical director on a regular basis. All topics in the manual do not carry equal importance and the critical articles will be pointed out as the rotation progresses.

Operational Issues:

- You will be and are expected to attend a lot of meetings with the Medical Director and others.
- Ride-alongs:
 - ✓ It is intended that you spend time riding in an ambulance, with a paramedic system supervisor, an MFR unit, and the medical director. (Helicopter ride-alongs are encouraged but are optional. Let us know before the rotation starts if you would like something else scheduled). The exact amount of time and mix of units will vary depending on availability of units and time during the rotation. All scheduled rides are **required**. If for some reason you can't make one, you need to notify us in advance and we will reschedule.
 - ✓ You need to have TB test, Hep B, and Blood Borne pathogens brief (see above).
 - ✓ Please remember to dress in good taste, weather appropriate (see above.)
 - ✓ During your ride-alongs, you are expected to learn the role and profession of an EMS provider. The senior medic on scene is in charge of the patient/scene, as per system's policies. You are not expected to be a doctor on scene and should not claim control of the scene. Of course, if the patient needs an intervention or advice that only you can provide you will definitely intervene as a team member in the best interest of the patient. Again, things should be done in a team approach and in a non-confrontational manner. In addition, if the intervention you are about to perform is not within the scope of regular EMS practice contact with medical control (who will be one of your attendings anyway!) must be made for consultation and approval.
- Protocols and Policies review:
 - ✓ You are required to review the medical protocols in their entirety. Memorization is not expected.
 - ✓ At times, we may assign tasks to substitute those above as long as they still fulfill the educational intent.
- Systems Coordination and Communication
 - ✓ MedComm:
 - You will spend time at MedComm to learn coordination and communication procedures and practice.
 - You will need to become familiarized with Medical Priority Dispatch System.
 - ✓ County Office of Emergency Management (EM)
 - Spend time with the county's Director of EM.
 - Review MCI/Disaster policy for SVMCA, as well as the county's emergency management plan, of which the policy is an attachment. This is available at the office for your perusal and copy.

Scholarly Activities:

- Optional: Research project. Targeted EMS-related project that qualifies as research but not an "original contribution" may easily be accomplished if desired. Review Articles (Lit search), Case Conference, Case Reports, Brief Reports, CQI projects, and Concepts are all "do-able" during the month.

EMS Exam:

- There is an optional EMS examination, which covers essential aspects and objectives of prehospital care. You are welcome to take this test, but it is not required.

POINTS OF CONTACT:

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