



**Educational Goals and Objectives for Rotations on:
Night Float**

On the night float experience the PGY 2 resident will get to enhance their diagnostic and therapeutic reasoning skills while also teaching and providing supervision to the PGY 1 Intern who is working to:

- Demonstrate refinement of his/her data gathering,
- Demonstrate progressive improvement in data interpretation and diagnostic decision making (aka Clinical reasoning)
- Improve efficiency and accuracy in patient care/order entry
- Create notes that accurately reflect the patient's illness and disease course
- Create note that reflect therapeutic reasoning/decision-making around the course of testing and treatment that was chosen.
- Demonstrate an ability to communicate via telephone and in person with a variety of professional hospital workers around the care of patients which they have not had continuity with.
- Assess and initiate the treatment of patient with acute decline while hospitalized.
- Demonstrate correct use of the SBAR handover method and tool with both prioritized sending and repeat back receiving skills.

The PGY 2 resident is expected to model the above, except for the PGY 2 notes will be of a higher caliber in medical thought process and reasoning. The PGY 2 is expected to effectively supervise the PGY 1 Resident and to demonstrate teaching skills that give the PGY 1 resident an enlightened understanding of the patients' conditions and the evidence-based rationales for the testing and treatment provided.

PGY-2 should demonstrate:

- Ability to take a complete medical history and perform a careful and accurate physical examination.
- Ability to write concise, accurate and informative histories, physical examinations, and progress notes.
- Define patients' medical problems and generate appropriate differential diagnosis
- Develop rational, evidence-based management strategies
- Demonstrate competence in assessing the gravity of illness.
- Recognize acutely and potentially critically ill patients, initiate management to stabilize patient, and call for senior/attending support to promote patient safety.
- Review all laboratory and diagnostic test reports.
- Accept the primary responsibility for first response to all floor calls.
- Under supervision, manage common night-time problems of hospitalized patients, including but not limited to, chest pain, shortness of breath, fever, disorientation, decreased urine output, and altered mental status.
- Effectively utilize the relatively limited resource available during the night to assure high quality patient care and patient safety.
- Ability to perform basic procedures:
 - Venipuncture



- Arterial puncture
 - Nasogastric intubation.
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- Demonstrates the ability to obtain and document an accurate and complete history from patient, caretaker or outside resources as noted above with occasional input from faculty.
 - Begins to deal with sensitive topics such as:
 - Compliance/adherence issues
 - Sensitive histories such as sexual history, domestic violence history, psychiatric history, and substance abuse history
 - Learning to provide appropriate balance between supervision and autonomy of interns.
 - Creates constructive educational environment and provides feedback to interns and students.
 - Interprets reports of:
 - Echocardiograms
 - Cardiovascular stress tests
 - Simple cardiac catheterization films
 - CT scan for pulmonary embolism and for evaluation of masses, chest abnormalities and abdominal symptoms
 - Nutritional assessment
 - Understands the indication for:
 - Initiation of acute dialysis
 - Relies on occasional faculty input.
 - PGY2 must satisfy the competency for PGY 1 level above