

Critical Case Conference

Purpose

To discuss decision-making on critically ill patients seen in the ED

Responsibilities

The EM-3 resident will be assigned to present Critical Cases during the year. Faculty are assigned dates for critical case presentations by the conference director. Resident and faculty cases are selected and delegated by the Education Chief.

General Format:

1. Several cases will be discussed over the 90-minute conference. One presenter will present a single case, the other will present multiple brief cases.
2. There will be emphasis on specific learning points, identified when the cases are assigned.
3. Faculty will manage progress/moderate as needed.
4. Faculty and EM-3 are encouraged to invite guest speakers or consultants as needed.

Resident Role

1. Coordinate presentation of cases with faculty
2. Present case and moderate discussion, often using the help of a colleague(s) who saw the patient and serves as the historian. Smartboard or other resources may be used as audiovisual aids. Summarize pertinent points at the end.
3. Determine materials needed for their assigned case. This includes obtaining EKG's, x-rays and follow-up information.

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