

EM Conferences

Purpose

To promote the education of our residents

Responsibilities

The monthly conference schedule is available online on the residency website. Once the schedule is published, any necessary changes are the responsibility of the resident or faculty. Program administration must be notified of all changes. Although most conferences tend to be in a standard lecture format, it is important to generate discussion during the lecture.

- 1 **Workshop Series** These are 4 rotating workshops designed to give the medical students and interns an overview to the skills needed for working in an Emergency setting. Physician Assistant Resident-1st year will attend each workshop once during your first ED months. Topics covered are Orthopedics/Splinting, Ophthalmology/Slit lamp, Resuscitation. In the Physician Assistant Resident-2nd year, residents teach these workshops when assigned as the Resident of the Day. PA residents will be expected to help teach when Resident of the Day.
- 2 **Multidisciplinary Conferences** Monthly trauma conference ran by the Trauma Department. Monthly critical care conference ran by Surgical Critical Care Department. Emergency Medicine/Internal Medicine conference ran by chief residents of both Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine. Combined conferences with other disciplines may also be held throughout the year.
- 3 **Radiology** A monthly lecture in which faculty from the Department of Radiology will cover selected topics. Emphasis is on radiographic interpretation and evaluation.
- 4 **Critical Case** An interactive case discussion based on the critical cases seen in the Emergency Department. The format for this conference is an open discussion with comments from attendings. Discussion will then revolve around key points in managing these two to three cases. The resident involved in the case will present and provide the follow-up. Consultants, including Radiology may be present to provide specific feedback. Consultant presence should be arranged/ensured by the presenters. Once a month, this conference will cover pediatric cases and will be attended by Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellows as well as Pediatric EM staff. PA residents will lead critical case once during 18 month residency.
- 5 **Core Content** Core content presentations will be given on an 18 month cycle so each topic is covered during residency. Faculty members have assigned core content areas and will present topics in their assigned area. There are also assigned core content readings with online exams. The text used is Tintinalli's Emergency Medicine and will be provided. Selected content from Roberts and Hedges and Fleischer's Pediatric Emergency Medicine will also be covered.
- 6 **Small Group Day** Monthly conference day during which residents separate into smaller groups and attend 3 different sessions. The goal of this day is for the residents to participate in hands-on, interactive learning and may consist of simulated cases or small group presentations/discussions.
- 7 **Outside/Guest Lectures** Selected outside speakers will be invited to cover selected topics during the year. Attendance by all ER staff and residents should be 100%. Dress on these days should be professional.

- 8 **Ultrasound** Formatted and led by Drs. Zwank and Kumasaka, these presentations discuss selected cases with actual ultrasound examples.
- 9 **Journal Club** It will be the resident's responsibility to evaluate the paper with emphasis on: materials and methods, statistics, type of study and results. It will be the faculty responsibility to help with the above and to lead the discussion. The papers will be assigned in a rotating fashion.
- 10 **Toxicology** Dr. Stellflug will review key topics in toxicology through a series of talks and guest lectures. Topics include: Initial approach to the poisoned patient, management of common overdoses, and controversies in management of selected cases.
- 11 **QI/MM** Cases which have gone through formal departmental QI processes will be reviewed and discussed. Both resident and staff cases will be discussed in a confidential manner to improve patient care.
- 12 **Advocacy Day** Yearly conference discussing how residents can participate in advocacy now and in the future. Speakers may include politicians, executives, professors, and other EM physicians involved in advocacy.
- 13 **Alumni Day** Yearly conference inviting all alumni to return and participate in conference, presenting cases and providing guidance to residents in future career paths.
- 14 **EM Trauma Conference** Yearly regional Midwest conference held off campus, covering a variety of Emergency Medicine and Trauma topics. Attendance is mandatory unless excused.
- 15 **IME Core Competency Conference** Yearly conference held by HealthPartners GME and attended by all Regions-based residents as well as IM residents from the University of Minnesota. This conference focuses on one of the six core competencies (Patient Care, Medical Knowledge, Practice-Based Learning and Improvement, Interpersonal and Communication Skills, Professionalism, and Systems-Based Practice). Attendance is mandatory unless excused.
- 16 **Combined HCMC/Regions Simulation Day** Yearly conference which brings together EM residents from HCMC and Regions with staff from both facilities in a combined conference day consisting of small group presentations and simulation.
- 17 **Residency Retreat** Annual retreat which takes place during a conference day. This is an opportunity to discuss the state of the residency as well as brainstorm and discuss plans for the future. The retreat is followed by a team-building recreational activity in the afternoon. All residents are excused from duties during the hours of the retreat and afternoon activities. Attendance is mandatory unless excused from the retreat beforehand.

Policy

PA residents are given protected time off of their clinical responsibilities for conference attendance. The residency expectation is that PA residents attend all conferences unless they are on vacation or post-nights when they are expected to attend through critical case conference. The minimum conference attendance is 75%.

Procedures

PA resident attendance will be recorded in New Innovations. PA residents are responsible to check attendance and approved hours logged for conference.

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