

Progressive Responsibility

Purpose

Progressive responsibility is expected for each resident over the three year residency program.

Background

Each year has unique expectations and requirements. These are reflected in the educational requirements in the rotation goals and in the promotion criteria. It is expected that self-directed reading is done on a regular basis and is the responsibility of the individual resident.

Residents are encouraged to utilize their faculty advisor and other residents to assist in gaining progressive responsibility. The EM-3 year of residency will culminate with expectations of a high level of clinical case management, but in addition, will come with expectations of advanced administrative, supervisory, and education skills.

Responsibilities

EM-1

The resident evaluates stable patients with no life-threatening problem under the supervision of attending faculty or EM-3 residents. The senior emergency medicine resident may delegate procedures to the EM-1 in unstable medical and pediatric patients. During the second half of the year, EM-1 residents will evaluate patients with potential life-threats who are hemodynamically stable and are placed in the resuscitation area. The EM-1 resident has no supervisory responsibilities.

EM-2

The resident is responsible for the evaluation and treatment of all stable patients and unstable or arrested medical patients who are placed in the resuscitation area. The resident does not routinely have responsibility for supervising medical students or residents from other services. EM-2 residents participate in pediatric and trauma resuscitations as directed by the EM-3. The EM-2 resident is in charge of airway management for all trauma activations.

The EM-2 resident is also responsible for assisting the EM-3 with the teaching assigned medical student workshops.

EM-3

The resident is responsible for the clinical and administrative direction of the department under the supervision of the attending faculty. The resident is responsible for supervising core medical students and residents from other services. The resident provides assistance/direction to the EM-1 resident when able. The resident directs trauma resuscitations as per the TTA guidelines. All medical and pediatric resuscitations brought to Regions ED are also led and directed by the senior resident. Under the supervision of the attending faculty, the senior resident will be responsible for maintaining patient flow, supervising/directing paramedic calls, taking transfer calls, and handling any administrative problems that may arise during the shift. During the last month of residency, EM-3 residents have the opportunity to manage code blue airways.

The EM-3 assigned to the ED is responsible for obtaining the ultrasound examination and providing back-up for the second year resident in charge of the airway in all trauma activations.

The EM-3 resident is also responsible for teaching assigned medical student workshops and presenting at assigned conferences.