

Hospital Medicine Curriculum

Hospital Medicine Service

This is the heart and soul of the fellowship. Under the guidance of our dedicated faculty, the fellow will focus on the excellent care of the hospitalized patient and teaching residents and medical students. Our fellows will serve as colleagues in the direct care of primary patients as well as in a consultative role. In a consultative role, fellows will gain greater understanding of common surgical, neurosurgical, and oncologic issues that require medical consultation, including preoperative evaluation. Fellows will also be active members of the rapid response team.

Critical care medicine

Four four-week blocks will be spent managing critically ill patients under the supervision of a board certified intensivist. During this time, the fellow will become experienced and competent in ventilator management and performing procedures including CVC lines, chest tubes, arterial lines, endotracheal intubation, etc.

Cardiology

The fellow will work one-on-one with staff cardiologists. The fellow's duties will include evaluation and treatment of new admissions and consults to the cardiology team, including patients in the emergency room. Time will also be set aside for EKG interpretation as well as discussion of common cardiologic conditions including CHF, cardiac arrhythmias, and acute coronary syndrome.

Neurology

The fellow will spend one four-week block with the neurology team. The fellow will evaluate and manage neurology consults, with a focus on the evaluation and treatment of strokes, seizures and delirium.

Electives

One four-week block can be used on elective inpatient rotations including Neurology, Nephrology consults, Cardiac consults, GI consults, ID consults, Palliative Care/Hematology/Oncology, Pain Management, General Surgery and Trauma Surgery.

Academic activities

Each fellow will be responsible for presenting 2-3 lectures during the year, and lead resident/fellow/faculty journal club every 4-6 weeks.

Each fellow will complete a quality project related to hospital medicine.

Committees

Fellows are required to participate in a Root Cause Analysis project and be active members on one or two hospital committees. Examples include: Patient Safety Council, Code Blue, Continuous Process Improvement, Medication Safety, and Pharmacy and Therapeutics.

Nocturnist experience

Fellows would have the opportunity to earn additional income by providing additional night call. Night call is not a requirement of the fellowship.

Weekend coverage

Fellows will work an average of 4 weekend days per block. The specific schedule will be determined after consultation with the other fellows and members of the team.

Paid time away

Due to the intensive nature of the fellowship, each fellow will be given eight 5-day periods off during the year. This includes 3 weeks of paid vacation and additional time allowed to compensate for required weekend coverage. Time off may be used at the fellow's discretion and can include research, job interviews, and time for family or personal pursuits.