

CCU Team Info

CCU resident team composition:

The CCU resident team is anticipated to include at least 1 senior resident and 2 PGY 1s during each day and 1 senior resident and 1 PGY 1 overnight. Occasionally there will not be an overnight PGY 1 in CCU. There is a Cardiology fellow assigned to CCU each day and a Night Float Cardiology fellow in house for CCU and other cardiology consults overnight. On some occasions a PGY 1 may be absent from CCU for part of a day for assigned activities (conferences, testing, etc) in their home residency.

CCU duty hours:

CCU rotation will continue with 6:00 am – 6:30 pm and 6:00 pm – 6:30 am shifts with the last half hour of each reserved for sign out. Sign out notes are expected to be entered in Epic before the assigned sign out times. The CCU schedule template is posted at www.summlearner.com and includes the required number of days off for the rotation.

Residents may arrive up to 15 minutes early for their scheduled CCU shifts. In extreme circumstances residents may stay later than the scheduled end of their shift. During day shifts, all seniors and PGY 1s must leave no later than 7:00 pm. For nights, all seniors and PGY 1s must leave no later than 7:00 am. The Program Director and the Chief Resident are to be notified by email if this is not occurring with notification by the senior Medicine resident on CCU on the day in which this occurs.

Any residents leaving after 7:30 pm from day shift and any leaving after 7:30 am from night shift must contact the Program Director or the Chief Resident by phone when this occurs.

CCU Teaching Service patient volumes:

CCU Teaching Service maximum patient volumes at the beginning of each day will be 10 patients

New patients may be added that could increase the Teaching Service list to above this maximum but only if it will not overload the resident team. Assistance for the team is provided by the Cardiology fellow and by cardiology NPs. The CCU teaching attending is responsible for reducing the size of the CCU Teaching Service census if it exceeds the above maximums. Residents may provide input into this decision as well. Any reduction in the census should be done as early as possible, no later than 7:30 am, preferably closer to 6 or 6:30 am. If the CCU teaching attending does not reduce the teaching patient list to these maximums the senior resident is to contact Dr. Varian for directions. If this is not possible the senior resident should contact Dr. Sweet. Residents will not be expected to write notes or transfer orders on patients removed from the CCU Teaching Service list because of patient volume issues.

In the rare instance in which only 1 PGY 1 is on duty for a day the CCU resident census must be reduced to a manageable level, most probably 6 patients for the intern to see and at most 2 more patients for the senior resident to see and write notes.

Additionally, if the patient volume exceeds the ability of the resident team to provide prompt and appropriate care the census may need to be reduced even during the day. The census will also need to be reduced if the patient volume exceeds 15 patients when 1 senior and more than 1 PGY 1 are on duty for the day. In either of these circumstances during weekdays the senior resident should contact the Chief Resident. Weekends and nights the AR2 should be contacted as the backup resident to provide assistance when needed. When this is insufficient the senior resident should contact the CCU teaching attending, Dr. Varian and Dr. Sweet in that order until the situation is resolved.

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