ICU SUBINTERNSHIP CLERKSHIP – General Information

The Subinternship ICU clerkship is a one month clinical experience (19-20 actual clinical days in the ICU).

The rotation will be scheduled according to the student's lottery track, with one required sub-I per half academic year and not during contiguous months. We do our best to assign subinternships based on the student's residency choice but again, this is based on a lottery.

Unit rotations will occur at:

- Loyola (LUMC)
- Edward Hines Jr. Dept. of Veterans Affairs Hospital (HVA)
- Gottlieb Hospital (GOTT)
- Resurrection Hospital (RES)

Service assignments are scheduled for the entire year.

Students will receive a grade of Honors, High Pass or Pass

ROTATION INFORMATION

The first day of the rotation is a Clinical Skills Day where students receive lectures and simulation exercises. This is a REQUIRED day and students are NOT ALLOWED to miss this day

Students should report to their respective hospital assignments on the second day of the rotation at the location and times listed under "Sites and Contact information".

Schedules are made by/at each hospital and will be obtained when students report to their assigned hospitals.

Subinterns in general are to do no more and no less than the interns at their respective locations.

Students should not work more than 80 hours weekly, averaged over their 4-week rotation. Students get four days off during within a Subinternship rotation (one of those days off must be the day prior to the exam to allow time to study).

For more details, please see "Attendance Policy" under Policies and Instructions

CORE CURRICULUM

The ICU curriculum involves:

- Five online lectures/cases that should be reviewed prior to the start of the clerkship
 - Shock
 - Respiratory failure
 - ICU cardiology
 - Acid Base physiology
 - Nutrition
- In person lecture on death/dying in the ICU
- In person flipped classroom ethics lecture
- 3 different stations in the simulation lab
 - Critical care simulation case
 - Critical care ultrasound session with live models
 - 3 ventilator simulation cases

Each rotation will end with an online examination with the primary focus on the core curriculum, as well standardized exercise(s) in the Clinical Skills Center to be done on the last day of the rotation.

According to school policy (see Academic Policy Manual II), all students are required to take clerkship examinations on the date, time, and place specified by the department. Exceptions to this policy may be granted for:

1) reasons of illness, which must be documented by a note from a physician and/or report from the Student Health Office at Loyola addressed to the Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

2) any other emergency situation in which evidence can be provided to the Associate Dean for Student Affairs to justify absence from a scheduled examination.

Students excused from an examination by the Associate Dean for Student Affairs for an acceptable reason are responsible for making arrangements with the Associate Dean of Educational Affairs to take a makeup exam within thirty days of their return or as soon as a make-up exam is offered by the department.

Unauthorized absence from an examination normally will result in a grade of zero for that examination, the consequence of which in almost all cases is course failure.

Changes in the examination schedule for individual students will not be granted.

UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS will be reviewed at the General Orientation at the beginning of the senior year. At each site, the hospital's specific policy will be reviewed. Be careful and be knowledgeable of both LUMC's and other hospitals' policies regarding needle sticks, exposures to blood and bodily fluids, and treatment for such exposures.

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