Hospital Medicine Sub-Internship

Description:
This rotation provides training in the care of hospitalized patients on the only general medicine sub-internship experience available at Milstein Hospital, a tertiary-care teaching hospital. There are no interns or third-year medical student clerks on the service. Given the team structure and the nature of the Hospitalists’ role, students are afforded the opportunity to interact more closely with their supervising attendings than in traditional general medicine rotations.

Objectives:
To expand skills and knowledge about the care of hospitalized patients

Learning Experience:
The student will function as a sub-intern and join a team of 2 senior residents, and a Hospitalist attending. Students admit their own patients and will assume primary responsibility for their complete care, including writing admission and progress notes, developing the diagnostic and therapeutic plans, and performing all routine procedures. Students will be expected to discuss their patients in detail at daily attending rounds and multidisciplinary case management rounds. Students will work under the direct supervision of PGY-3’s and attending physicians.

Students should strive to follow a service with an average of 4 patients, preferably cases that they have worked-up on admission. Students take call until 9 pm twice a week with one of their senior residents. However, they can admit patients on any day depending on their service size. Students will admit on one weekend with their primary attending.

Teaching will occur throughout the day with the on-service attending. Students will attend daily Hospitalist Resident didactic sessions at 11 AM that will cover a broad range of topics pertinent to the care of the hospitalized patient, although these rounds are oriented to the level of senior residents. Students are expected to read approximately 3 articles weekly from a reading list focusing on hospital medicine. Student will meet at least weekly with the course director to present new admissions in formal bedside rounds. Students will provide brief presentations on the incorporation of evidence-based medicine in the clinical care of their patients (approx 5 minutes, depending on the topic). In addition, students may attend all departmental conferences intended for interns, including intern report (Fri at noon, Morning Report Room), noon conferences (Clark Conference Room), and Team Rounds (Wed 7:45 am, Clark Conference Room).

Feedback:
Occurs on an individual basis throughout the elective. Students are asked to provide a written assessment of the elective. Feedback from students is always appreciated in an effort to provide the most rewarding experience possible.

Evaluation:
Students will receive a written evaluation upon completion of the elective.