Standard Rotation: General and Subspecialty Inpatient Pediatrics at UHB NS 42 - Senior Resident and Senior Supervising In-hospital Resident

Residents: Pediatric residents at the PL3 level

Prerequisites: Satisfactory completion or waiver of the PL2 training year and PICU junior resident rotation; maintenance of PALS certification

Primary Goals for this Rotation

GOAL: Common Signs and Symptoms. Evaluate and manage common signs and symptoms associated with acute illness and hospitalization.

Supervise the evaluation and management, with consultation as indicated, of patients with signs and symptoms that commonly present to the Inpatient Unit (examples below).

- 1. General: acute life-threatening event (ALTE), constitutional symptoms, hypothermia, failure to thrive, fatigue, fever without a source, hypothermia, weight loss
- 2. Cardiorespiratory: apnea, chest pain, cough, cyanosis, dyspnea, heart murmur, hemoptysis, hypertension, hypotension, inadequate respiratory effort, shortness of breath, stridor, syncope, tachypnea, respiratory failure, wheezing
- 3. Dermatologic: ecchymoses, edema, petechiae, purpura, rashes, urticaria
- 4. EENT: acute visual changes, conjunctival injection, edema, epistaxis, hoarseness, nasal discharge, stridor, trauma
- 5. Endocrine: heat/cold intolerance, polydipsia, polyuria
- 6. GI/Nutrition/Fluids: abdominal masses or distention, abdominal pain, ascites, dehydration, diarrhea, dysphagia, hematemesis, inadequate intake, jaundice, melena, rectal bleeding, regurgitation, vomiting
- 7. Genitourinary/Renal: change in urine color, dysuria, edema, hematuria, oliguria, anuria, scrotal mass or edema
- 8. GYN: abnormal vaginal bleeding, pelvic pain, vaginal discharge
- 9. Hematologic: abnormal bleeding, bruising, hepatosplenomegaly, lymphadenopathy, masses, pallor
- 10. Musculoskeletal: arthritis/arthralgia, bone and soft tissue trauma, limb pain, limp
- 11. Neurologic: ataxia, diplopia, headache, hypotonia, head trauma, lethargy, seizure, vertigo, weakness
- 12. Psychiatric/Psychosocial: child abuse or neglect, conversion symptoms

GOAL: Common Conditions. Recognize and manage common childhood conditions presenting to the Inpatient Unit.

Supervise the evaluation and management, with consultation as indicated, of patients with conditions that commonly present to the Inpatient Unit (examples below).

- 1. General: failure to thrive, fever of unknown origin
- 2. Allergy/Immunology: acute drug allergies/reactions, anaphylaxis, immunodeficiencies (e.g. HIV), recurrent pneumonia, serum sickness, angioedema
- 3. Cardiovascular: bacterial endocarditis, cardiomyopathy, congenital heart disease, congestive heart failure, Kawasaki disease, myocarditis, rheumatic fever
- Endocrine: diabetes (including DKA), electrolyte disturbances secondary to underlying endocrine disease
- 5. GI/Nutrition: appendicitis, bleeding, cholangitis, complications of inflammatory bowel disease,

gastroenteritis, gastroesophageal reflux, hepatic dysfunction, bowel obstruction, pancreatitis, severe malnutrition

- 6. GU/Renal: electrolyte and acid-base disturbances, glomerulonephritis, hemolytic-uremic syndrome, nephrotic syndrome, urinary tract infection/pyelonephritis
- 7. Gynecologic: genital trauma, pelvic inflammatory disease, sexual assault
- 8. Hematologic/Oncologic: abdominal and mediastinal mass, common malignancies, fever and neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, severe anemia, vaso-occlusive crises and other complications of sickle cell disease
- 9. Infectious Disease: cellulitis (including periorbital and orbital), cervical adenitis, dental abscess, encephalitis, HIV, infections in immunocompromised hosts, laryngotracheobronchitis, line infections, meningitis (bacterial and viral), osteomyelitis, pneumonia (viral and bacterial), sepsis/bacteremia, septic arthritis, tuberculosis
- 10. Pharmacology/Toxicology: common drug poisoning or overdose
- 11. Neurology: acute neurologic conditions (acute cerebellar ataxia, Guillain Barre syndrome, movement disorders), seizures, shunt infections
- 12. Respiratory: airway obstruction, asthma exacerbation, bacterial tracheitis, bronchiolitis, croup, epiglottitis
- 13. Rheumatologic: Henoch Schonlein purpura (HSP), juvenile rheumatoid arthritis (JRA), systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)
- 14. Surgery: pre- and post-op consultation and evaluation of surgical patients (general, ENT, orthopedics, urology, neurosurgical, etc.), special needs of technology-dependent children (blocked trachea, gastric tube dysfunction)

GOAL: Diagnostic and Screening Procedures. Utilize common diagnostic tests and imaging studies appropriately in the inpatient setting.

1 : Assure appropriate use of the common diagnostic tests and imaging studies used in the inpatient setting:

1 :Explain the indications for and limitations of each study.

2 :Know or be able to locate age-appropriate normal ranges (lab studies).

3 :Apply knowledge of diagnostic test properties, including the use of sensitivity, specificity, positive predictive value, negative predictive value, false-positive and negative results, likelihood ratios, and receiver operating characteristic curves, to assess the utility of tests in various settings.

4 :Assure that junior residents recognize cost and utilization issues.

5 :Assist with the interpretation of test results in the context of the specific patient.

6 :Discuss and effect therapeutic options for correction of abnormalities.

2 : Assure junior residents use common laboratory studies appropriately when indicated for patients in the inpatient setting.

- 1. CBC with differential, platelet count, RBC indices
- 2. Blood chemistries: electrolytes, glucose, calcium, magnesium, phosphate
- 3. Renal function tests
- 4. Tests of hepatic function (PT, albumin) and damage (liver enzymes, bilirubin)
- 5. Serologic tests for infection (e.g., hepatitis, HIV)
- 6. C-reactive protein, erythrocyte sedimentation rate
- 7. Therapeutic drug concentrations
- 8. Coagulation studies
- 9. Arterial, capillary, and venous blood gases
- 10. Detection of bacterial, viral, and fungal pathogens
- 11. Urinalysis
- 12. Cerebrospinal fluid analysis
- 13. Gram stain

- 14. Stool studies
- 15. Other fluid studies (e.g. pleural fluid, joint fluid)
- 16. Electrocardiogram

3 : Use common imaging or radiographic studies when indicated for patients on the inpatient unit.

- 1. Plain radiographs of the chest, extremities, abdomen, skull, sinuses
- 2. Other imaging techniques such as CT, MRI, angiography, ultrasound, nuclear scans, contrast studies (interpretation not expected)
- 3. Echocardiogram

GOAL: Monitoring and Therapeutic Modalities. Apply appropriate physiologic monitoring and special technology in the general inpatient setting, including issues specific to care of the chronically ill child.

1 : Demonstrate understanding of the monitoring techniques and special treatments commonly used in the inpatient setting:

- 1. Discuss indications, contraindications and complications.
- 2. Demonstrate proper use of technique for children of varying ages.
- 3. Determine which patients need continuous monitoring or special monitoring (e.g., neurological checks).
- 4. Assist junior residents in interpreting and responding appropriately to results of monitoring based on method used, age and clinical situation.

2 : Assure use of appropriate monitoring techniques in the inpatient setting.

- 1. Monitoring of temperature, blood pressure, heart rate, respirations
- 2. Cardiac monitoring
- 3. Pulse oximetry

3 : Assure appropriate application of the treatments and techniques used in the inpatient setting.

- 1. Universal precautions
- 2. Nasogastric tube placement
- 3. Administration of nebulized medication
- 4. Injury, wound care
- 5. Oxygen delivery systems
- 6. I.V. fluids
- 7. I.V. pharmacotherapy (antibiotics, antiepileptics, etc.)
- 8. Transfusion therapy

4 : Coordinate key issues in the inpatient and home management of the technology-dependent child with the following care needs:

- 1. Tracheostomy
- 2. Chronic mechanical ventilation
- 3. Chronic parenteral nutrition
- 4. Gastrostomy tube for feedings
- 5. Permanent central venous catheter

5 : Recognize normal and abnormal findings at tracheostomy, gastrostomy, or central venous catheter sites, and demonstrate appropriate intervention or referral for problems encountered.

6 : Demonstrate the skills for assessing and managing pain.

- 1. Use age-appropriate pain scales in assessment.
- 2. Describe indications for use and side effects of common narcotic and non-narcotic analgesics.
- 3. Administer medications to control pain in appropriate dose, frequency and route.
- 4. Describe indications for and use of behavioral techniques and supportive care, and other nonpharmacologic methods of pain control.

GOAL: Pediatric Competencies in Brief: Demonstrate high standards of professional competence while supervising care of patients on the Inpatient Service.

Competency 1: Patient Care.

Senior pediatric residents on the in-patient rotation should be able to do the following during the day and during night float, with minimal supervision as needed:

a) Assure provision of family-centered patient care that is development- and age-appropriate,

compassionate, and effective for the treatment of health problems and the promotion of health.

b) Enforce use a logical and appropriate clinical approach to the care of hospitalized patients, applying principles of evidence-based decision-making and problem-solving, demonstrating:

- 1. Careful data collection and synthesis
- 2. Appropriate orders for vital signs, I & Os, medications, nutrition, activity
- 3. Well thought-out daily care plans
- 4. Good clinical judgment and decision-making
- 5. Execution of careful discharge plans (orders, patient education, followup)

c) Provide sensitive support to patients with acute and chronic illnesses and to their families, and arrange for ongoing support and preventive services at discharge.

Competency 2. Medical Knowledge.

Senior pediatric residents should:

a) Know the scope of established and evolving biomedical, clinical, epidemiological and social-behavioral knowledge needed by a pediatrician; demonstrate the ability to acquire, critically interpret and apply this knowledge in patient care.

b) Demonstrate a commitment to enhancing the base of knowledge needed to care for children in the inpatient setting.

c) Be able to access medical information efficiently, evaluate it critically, and apply it to inpatient care appropriately.

Competency 3: Interpersonal Skills and Communication.

With minimal supervision as needed, senior residents should:

a) Demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills that result in information exchange and partnering with patients, their families and professional associates.

b) Provide effective patient education, including reassurance, for condition commonly seen on the inpatient service.

c) Participate and communicate effectively as leader of an interdisciplinary team, coordinating care by the primary provider and by the consulting pediatrician (e.g., patient presentations, sign-out rounds, communication with consultants and primary care physicians).

d) Use effective strategies for teaching students, colleagues, other professionals and laypersons.

e) Assure maintenance of accurate, legible, timely and legally appropriate medical records.

Competency 4: Practice-based Learning and Improvement.

With minimal supervision as needed, senior residents should

a) Demonstrate knowledge, skills and attitudes needed for continuous self-assessment, using scientific methods and evidence to investigate, evaluate and improve one's patient care practice.

b) Use scientific methods and evidence to investigate, evaluate and improve one's patient care practice in the inpatient setting.

c) Identify personal learning needs, systematically organize relevant information resources for future reference, and plan for continuing acquisition of knowledge and skills.

Competency 5: Professionalism.

Residents should:

a) Demonstrate a commitment to carrying out professional responsibilities, adherence to ethical principles, and sensitivity to diversity.

b) Demonstrate personal accountability to the well being of patients (e.g., following-up on lab results, writing high quality notes, and seeking answers to patient care questions).

c) Demonstrate a commitment to professional behavior in interactions with staff and professional colleagues.

d) Adhere to ethical and legal principles, and sensitivity to diversity while providing care in the inpatient setting.

Competency 6: Systems-Based Practice.

Senior residents should:

a) Practice and demonstrate high-quality health care and advocate for patients within the context of the health care system.

b) Know and teach key aspects of health care systems and cost control in the inpatient setting.

c) While supervising care in the inpatient setting, consider cost and resource allocation without compromising quality of care in coordinating overall patient care.

d) Take steps to avoid medical errors; lead the health care team in recognizing and addressing systems errors.

e) Participate in patient coordination of care and discharge planning meetings

Procedures

GOAL: Technical and therapeutic procedures. Describe the following procedures, including how they work and when they should be used; competently perform those commonly used by the pediatrician in practice.

Anesthesia/analgesia: pain management

Arterial puncture

Bladder: catheterization

Central line: use/care

Chest physiotherapy

Intravenous line placement

Lumbar puncture

Medication delivery: IM/SC/ID, inhaled, IV, rectal

PPD: placement

Pulmonary function tests: peak flow meter

Pulse oximeter: placement

Rectal swab

Sterile technique

Suctioning: nares, oral pharynx, tracheostomy

Venipuncture

GOAL: Diagnostic and screening procedures. Describe the following tests or procedures, including how they work and when they should be used; competently perform those commonly used by the pediatrician in practice.

ECG: emergency interpretation

ECG: perform
Electroencephalogram (EEG)
pH probe (Tuttle test)
PPD: interpretation
Monitoring interpretation: cardiac, Holter, Pulse oximetry
Radiologic interpretation: abdominal ultrasound/X-ray, CXR, CT head
Radiologic interpretation: extremity X-ray
Radiologic interpretation: GI contrast study
Radiologic interpretation: MRI of head
Radiologic interpretation: nuclear medicine GI scanning
Radiologic interpretation: renal ultrasound
Radiologic interpretation: skeletal X-ray (incl. abuse)
Radiologic interpretation: skull film for fracture
Radiologic interpretation: sinus films

METHODS

- a. Serve at the team leader for the Inpatient Unit, NS42, at UHB.
 - a. Daytimes weekdays
- b. Serve as the senior supervising inpatient physician.
 - a. Short calls every 3^{rd} to 4^{th} night
 - b. Weekend days and overnight calls several times per month
 - c. Night shift
- c. Attend and participate in departmental conferences
 - a. Resident's Conferences
 - b. Grand Rounds
 - c. Patient Management Conferences
 - d. Radiology Conferences
 - e. Morning Report
 - f. Morbidity and Mortality Conferences
- d. Attend rounds and present and discuss patients
 - a. Work Rounds
 - b. Attending Rounds
 - c. Subspecialty service rounds and consultations
 - d. Chief Resident Rounds
 - e. Sign-out Rounds
- e. Self-directed learning activities and literature search
- f. Small group learning activities with the unit team
- g. Documentation in the medical record

EVALUATION

There will be ongoing formative feedback throughout all activities by all supervisory staff. At the end of the rotation, the attending physician will constructively discuss the final summative evaluation with the resident. Both the attending and the resident are expected to sign the written evaluation form attesting to the fact its content were discussed. The supervising faculty will subsequently discuss the resident's performance at the monthly house staff affairs committee meeting attended by the program director (or designee) and representative faculty.

- a. Observation for attainment of objectives by:
 - a. Junior residents
 - b. Chief residents
 - c. Supervising attending faculty
- b. Review of medical records by:
 - a. Chief residents
 - b. Supervising attending faculty
- c. Presentations during various rounds and conferences
- d. Participation in discussions during rounds and small-group activities
- e. Demonstration of attributes of professionalism
- f. In-training examination performance
- g. Successful performance of procedures and documentation
- h. Nursing, patient and family member comments including compliments, complaints and use of 360 degree evaluation cards
- i. Patient outcomes
- j. Involvement in total quality management: performance improvement (QA) trending files, incident reports, risk management reports

The resident is expected to complete and submit an evaluation of the rotation, peers and teaching faculty at the conclusion of the rotation. This evaluation may be submitted anonymously and confidentially.