

VITALS

House Staff News



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MOONLIGHTING

Per AOA policy, permission to moonlight must be obtained from the Program Director. All residents and fellows who moonlight outside Garden City Hospital must complete a Moonlighting Request Form, which is now available on www.gchmeded.org. Time spent moonlighting must be included in work hours totals and fall within duty hour limits. Residents who are planning to moonlight this year need to submit a signed form to Medical Education. Remember that GCH does not provide professional liability coverage for moonlighting.

DUTY HOURS COMPLIANCE

All house staff are required to complete a quarterly report of worked hours. Email notices with a link to the online report form will be sent in February. Completion of the quarterly report has improved this academic year but remains below 100 per cent for several programs.

As a reminder, the duty hour policy includes:

- Maximum of 80 hours per week averaged across a four week interval
- Maximum 24 hours per shift plus up to six hours for continuity care or education
- Maximum duration of 12 hours for shifts in the Emergency Department – this does not include didactics, but educational programs do count toward the 80 hour per week limit.
- One 24 hour period off every 7 days or one 48 hour period off every 14 days (no back-to-back full weekends)

CONSENT FORM UPDATE

Informed consent is a conversation, not a document. Simple descriptions should be used, as in “take out gall bladder” instead of “perform cholecystectomy”. Accreditation agencies recommend using language that is understandable at a fourth grade reading level. GCH procedure consent forms have been revised to include reminders for use of simple terminology. Additionally, be sure to date and *time* consent forms.

HFAP INSPECTION

We anticipate that our HFAP (Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program) inspection will occur by March 2010. Key reminders for house staff include

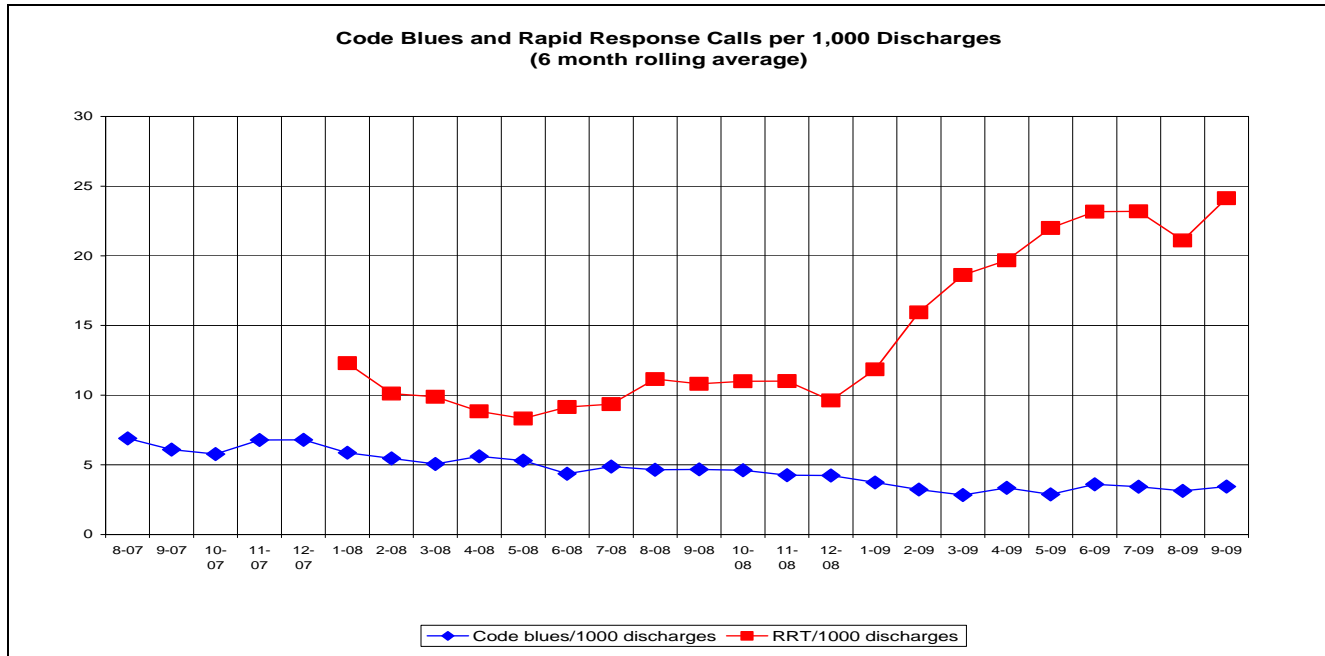
- For all chart entries, include date, time, and signature
- Identify your progress notes by level of training and/or rotation (GS resident, IM intern, etc.)
- Include printed name and pager number on orders
- Complete all assigned charts within 30 days after patient’s discharge
- Sign all telephone/verbal orders within 48 hours

DICTION OF CONSULTS

The Medical Staff has eliminated the consultation form. The new practice is that all consults must be dictated. A brief summary of key findings and recommendations should be written in the Progress Notes. For the purpose of education, students or house staff may still write out their findings on paper prior to staffing the patient with the attending physician; however, these notes will not become part of the medical records and must be discarded in a locked bin to protect confidentiality.

RAPID RESPONSE TEAM RESULTS

The Rapid Response Team has been in operation since August 2007. As of September 2009, the RRT was deployed 318 times. During that period, a decrease in the number of code blues on the medical-surgical units has been noted. In roughly 60% of cases, patients are able to be stabilized on their current unit. Thanks to everyone who has made this endeavor a success.



MICHIGAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION RESEARCH COMPETITION

The Michigan Osteopathic Association (MOA) invites residents to participate in the 2010 Scientific Research Exhibit Competition. The competition will be held during the MOA Annual Convention May 12 -15, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. The Scientific Research Exhibit Committee will award the following prizes: 1st Place \$1,000; 2nd Place \$ 750; 3rd Place \$ 500; Outstanding Case Report \$ 250. Residents must submit an application and 50-word abstract to MOA by **March 26, 2010**. Contact Medical Education for assistance with poster preparation. GCH will produce posters at no charge for any resident whose poster is accepted for MOA. Forms and information are available in the Downloads section of www.gchmeded.org.

GRADUATION - SAVE THE DATE

The Annual House Staff Graduation Dinner will be held on Friday, June 11, 2010 at the Inn at St. Johns. This year, a slide show with photos from/of house staff is being considered. If there is enough interest, we will run this as a looped presentation in the reception area. Please send appropriate digital photos to Dr. Waarala.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Marcy Klein	1/3	Anthony Agbay	1/14	Stacy Strong	2/23
Rich Grinstead	1/7	Jon Uggen	1/19	Matthew Zinno	2/26
Hon Vien	1/8	Jason Sharbaugh	2/9	Sunil Sethi	2/27
Ben Gillespie	1/8	Matthew Kovie	2/19	Lindsay Lombardo	2/28
Fadi Saied	1/11				