

CURRICULUM NAME: CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE

Goal:

We aim to prepare a general internist with command of a broad range of conditions common among critically ill patients and familiarity with the technologic procedures and devices used in the intensive care setting. Residents will be competent in end-of-life decisions, advance directives, estimating prognosis and counseling of patients.

Teaching Methods:

- Bedside teaching in the intensive care units by attending physicians on a case by case basis supplemented by formal teaching rounds five times a week.
- Formal teaching rounds provide the opportunity to teach the assessment and management of the common clinical conditions noted in the table. Residents will have a minimum of three and a maximum of six assigned months in intensive units. They may request up to two additional rotations.
- Conferences (subspecialty, Grand Rounds, Journal Club, ethics) throughout the year cover critical care topics. End of life issues are frequently the topic of the Communication Skills seminars. BLS and ACLS training is provided and required of each resident.
- Self-study of critical care issues is encouraged. The "Up To Date" CD is available in the intensive care area for quick reference or to print cards for more in depth self study.
- Indications for, complications of and the "how to" of common procedures is taught in the ICU under the supervision of the intensivists, credentialed attendings and senior residents approved for supervising procedures.

Patients from all socioeconomic and ethnic groups are seen in our ICU's. Please see the attached table for the types of clinical problems seen.

Critical Care Conference Topics

1. Hypotension and shock, Sepsis, and ARDS
2. Ventilator management
3. GI hemorrhage
4. Management of Critical Care Electrolyte problems and Acid Base Disturbances
5. Medical Ethics - End-of-Life Care, Brain Death

Suggested reading includes:

Up Date In Critical Care Medicine text is available in the ICU
Silver Platter and Up to Date CD ROM's are available

Standard evaluation procedures are used to evaluate the residents and the rotations.