

Chief's Update

Hennepin/Regions Switch

We are now in the midst of the third switch of the year. Currently, Steve Dunlap from HCMC is at Regions and Duncan McBean is at Hennepin. Things have gone smoothly so far, with great welcomes for Jon Cole and Scott Shinneman. We have three more switches to go. Please continue with the warm welcomes. This is a great opportunity to build relationships and for residents to see and learn a different system.

Conference Updates

Conference is now being held on Thursday with good success. Simulation has taken a bigger role and conference has become more interactive. Thank you to Drs. Nelson, Binstadt and Hegarty for all of their work. November 1st will be the first integrated conference between Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine. This will be a case based conference and should be exciting and informative. Thank you to Dr. Matt Morgan for all of his work on conference this year.

SICU

There have been small changes to the SICU schedule. We have been able to cover for Sara Hanson's maternity leave with minimal changes. Thank you to Frank Benafonte for all his help with the schedules. A new curriculum has been instituted in the SICU. We are currently going through a chapter in The ICU Book every Wednesday. Thank you to Dr. Ann Lambert for this addition to our education. Dr. Collins has been added as an additional staff in the SICU and on TACS. He is a welcome addition to the Surgery Staff.

Chart Reviews

A system for reviewing documentation has begun. All interns have been or will be assigned a third year resident that will review 20 randomly picked charts. These are then discussed with each intern's faculty advisor and a formal review will be given. Hopefully, this will be great way to formally educate us all on better documentation.

Teaching

Residents continue to be integral in the teaching of medical students at the University of Minnesota. There are opportunities to teach either simulation, procedure labs or at the Emergency Medicine Rotation introduction. This is a great way to learn more about education and become integrated into the University of Minnesota. If anyone is interested in this opportunity, please contact one of the Chiefs for more details.

Portfolio

Regions Emergency Medicine Residency currently has an application in to participate in the ACGME E-Portfolio Beta Project. This is an exciting new program to better show what residents are doing during residency and make them more marketable. The focus has shifted from what residents want to do to what they have done. This will be a great format to show all of the great things that our residents do. It will also give a great place for residents to reflect on their experiences and show how they have grown during residency. In addition, it is a format to show that the ACGME 6 core competencies are being met. Please feel free to contact Ben Peake with any questions.

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Mentoring

Mentors are an important part of developing a career. A few programs have been available to our residents, both as being a mentor and a mentee. There has been a joint project between the two Emergency Medicine residencies in the Twin Cities and the University of Minnesota EMIG to provide resident mentors to medical students interested in Emergency Medicine. Also, this year, a program has been started to pair interns with emergency nurses. The hope of this program is to help to develop a team dynamic and establish good communication between the two groups.