

ST. VINCENT CHARITY HOSPITAL
Department of Surgery - Division of Orthopedics – Section of Podiatry
Podiatric Residency Training Program

GENERAL MEDICINE

GOALS

Enhance the knowledge of the podiatric resident in the area of General Medicine.

To gain an appreciation of the complexity of various medical conditions commonly encountered in the general patient population and their potential implications in a podiatric surgical patient.

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the rotation, the resident should be able to:

- Perform a comprehensive history and physical examination.
- Recognize common medical conditions/ailments (cardiac disease, respiratory disorders, renal dysfunction) and appreciate their potential implications in elective surgical patients.
- Order and interpret an EKG including the recognition of common cardiac arrhythmias.
- Order and recognize abnormal clinical laboratory values.
- Diagnose acute or chronic gout, pseudogout and related conditions.
- Manage a diabetic patient including the provision of insulin coverage.
- Demonstrate knowledge in fluid management and electrolyte balance.
- Perform a comprehensive work-up in a patient with a fever of unknown origin.
- Diagnose and medically treat a patient with thromboembolic disease (DVT, PE).
- Recognize an immunocompromised patient and understand the risk for potential transmission of such diseases.
- Recognize the need for a sub-specialty consultation.

METHODOLOGY

- The podiatric surgical residents are expected to perform and record one full H & P each week, write what they think are appropriate and complete admission orders and a progress note for each day the patient remains and a brief discharge summary.
- The podiatric surgical residents are expected to meet their intern at whatever time the intern begins their personal rounds (usually sometime between 6:00 & 8:00 AM), attend the resident work rounds and the teaching rounds with the attending.
- Noon Conferences are OPTIONAL, depending on the relevance of the topic to the Podiatrist's future practice.
- The podiatric surgical resident should attend the ACC/HCC with their intern unless there is a conflict with podiatric responsibilities. (Wednesday AM and every other Thursday AM).
- At the end of each week the podiatric surgical resident is expected to turn-in to Linda Ulaszewski an evaluation

of the week, answering the following questions:

- What was particularly helpful this week?
- What suggestions do you have to improve this experience?

Linda will give this to the intern and resident that the podiatric surgical resident is working with the following

Monday.

- This will be a one-month block rotation on the service of Internal Medicine. The resident is responsible for reporting to the attending physician in order to ensure a proper assignment.
- The resident will be responsible for completing all duties assigned.
- The resident is expected to take initiative to complete appropriate reading materials in order to achieve the objectives outlined above and involve themselves in the care of patients with fluid & electrolyte imbalance, diabetes mellitus, thromboembolic disease & those who are immunocompromised.
- The Director of General Medicine or designee will complete an evaluation on each resident. All residents will be expected to complete an evaluation of the rotation.

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Bates, B. A Guide to Physical Examination and History Taking. 5th ed. Chapters 5, 8, 9, 11. 1991.
2. Taking Control of Diabetes. Initial Management of Glycemia in Type 2 DM – NESM. October 24, 2002.
3. How to Read Chest X-rays. Medical Journal/Australia. Chest Imaging: Indications & Interpretations. May 19, 1997, pg. 79.
4. Drug Prescribing for the Elderly. Using Medications Appropriately in Older Adults. American Family Physicians. November 15, 2002.
5. Principles of Drug Therapy in Older Patients: rational drug prescribing . Clinical Geriatric Med. August 18, 2002 pgs. 577-592
6. Conn's Current Dx & Rx and/or Gorall's Primary Care Medicine } *Easy General Medicine Text*
7. Harrison's Text of Medicine and/or Up-to-Date } *Detailed General Medicine Text*
8. Reference for Preoperative Clearance
9. EKG text – Rapid Interpretation of EKG's } *Orange*