

INTERNAL MEDICINE

SCOPE OF PRACTICE PGY-1 – PGY-3

PGY-1

- The Intern will be responsible for all daily care of the patient.
- The Intern will see all patients within a timely manner, once admitted to the floor, and will write comprehensive histories and physical exams on each admitted patient.
- The Intern will write all orders and will follow-up on all patient studies and consults. Interns will review all laboratory results and medication regimens daily, making necessary adjustments.
- The Intern will discuss all admissions with the Resident on the night of call.
- Interns will present their patients to the Attending Physician and will assist students in preparing presentations.
- Interns will make lists of all patients under their care each night to checkout to colleagues. The on-call Interns will write notes on all patients seen on cross-cover and will expect the same from colleagues.
- Interns (or students under their direction) will write daily progress notes and discharge notes.
- Interns are expected to attend all Academic Half Days, Grand Rounds, and Morning Reports.
- Interns will perform all procedures on the wards and Residents are expected to assist and supervise as needed. All procedures are to be documented in the patient's chart and MedHub system. Informed Consent must be obtained prior to all non-emergent procedures.
- Interns will report all problems directly to the Resident.
- Interns are responsible for appropriate off service notes or prepped D/C summary on all their patients prior to switching services.

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- Interns should only accept patients when contacted by the Resident on-call for that service. No admissions are to be accepted by the Intern from Fellows, Attending Physicians, or other services. The Resident should be notified of all ICU transfers.
- Check out time is 5 PM for most general medicine services (check out time may differ according to the service). Housestaff may check out earlier but must leave pager on, return all pages, and return to the hospital if any major patient care problems arise. The primary housestaff team is responsible until 5 PM. Interns will check out sick patients to the upper level on call when their upper-level resident is off.
- On ambulatory rotations and in continuity clinic, PGY 1 residents present all patients directly to the attending physician. The Intern is expected to begin developing the care plan. The attending physician will directly see all patients in the first 6 months of intern year.

PGY-2 & PGY-3

- Initial care plans for all patients admitted to the teaching services will be made by the Resident and Intern.
- Patients admitted to the team will be seen and examined by the Resident, and a Resident Admit Note will be completed for each patient during the first 6 months on all services.
- The Resident will review daily care plans for the patients with the Intern and will lead daily work rounds with the Interns and students.
- The Resident will assign patients to students and Interns.
- The Resident will directly supervise the work of Interns and students including all procedures.
- The Resident will discuss all patient care plans with the Attending Physician on a daily basis during rounds. On services with Fellows, the resident will discuss all patient care plans with the Fellow and the Attending. The presence of the Fellow should not diminish the role of the Resident.

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- The Resident will identify any educational needs of the team and convey these to the Attending Physician.
- The Resident will immediately notify the Attending Physician of all problems, need for invasive procedures, questions on patient care, change in the level of patient care (i.e., transfer to the ICU), deaths, and risk-management issues. The Resident will make certain that the Attending Physician or another approved supervisor is present for any procedures for which the Resident has not been deemed competent to perform without direct supervision. All procedures should be recorded in the MedHub system.
- Residents are expected to provide 1-2 teaching sessions with the students each week and should pull pertinent articles for the team.
- The resident will attend Academic Half Day, Grand Rounds and Morning Reports whenever possible. The program requires that residents attend at least 60% of all Grand Rounds, Morning Report and Academic Half Day.
- Residents should assist Interns to allow rapid completion of discharge summaries (write progress notes, orders, call consults, etc.).
- Residents assume patient care duties when an Intern has the day off or is in clinic.
- Admissions arriving after 7:30 AM will be seen by the on-call team. The patient must be examined and assessed. If not acute, holding orders may be written. The H&P and Resident Admit Note (RAN) do not need to be written. The primary team MUST be notified of the patient as soon as possible.
- On ambulatory rotations and in continuity clinic, PGY 2 and 3 residents present all patients directly to the attending physician. The resident is expected to develop the care plan. The attending physician will directly see patients as needed.