

**TO:** PA Students

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**SUBJECT:** Welcome to your ICU Rotation

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- Welcome to the rotation. It is always our primary goal to provide an optimal learning environment.
- We try to allow each student to spend time in their preferred ICU (Neuro and Burn); however, this will be dependent on the number of total students (PA, medical, AA) in the ICU at any one time
- You will be assigned 1-2 patients to present on morning rounds. Then look up that patient's medical issues. Read about these issues to prepare for the next day. **Be prepared to present your patient on rounds the next day!**
- Morning rounds are at 6:30am, sign out is for the residents and plan on arriving in time for morning sign out. It is during this time that you will discover important overnight events and other pertinent data. Afternoon rounds with Dr. Gallagher are at 5:30pm.
- Each day you should write a note on your patient as if you are personally responsible for their care. **Please include an assessment and plan.** We understand that you will probably be incorrect and/or insufficient in the plan but you must try and formulate one. Committing to a plan forces you to go through a thought process that otherwise would not be engaged.
- Each day you must present your patient. Don't let yourself be excluded from rounds. The residents/PA's are ultimately responsible for your patient and will have to write their own note. Sometimes they forget that you are following the patient. If this happens, politely speak up and let them know that you will present the patient.
- We expect professional behavior in regards to interacting with the medical team, including the nurses. Remember, these are people who work in this environment all the time. They can be most helpful if you ingratiate yourself to them.
- You should be treated professionally. If you feel as though someone is mistreating you then please let us know (Dr. Gallagher or Vera).
- Again, welcome to the ICU. We hope you have a great experience and look forward to sharing the month with you!
- If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Vera Barnes at 352-273-8630 or email at [vbarnes@anest.ufl.edu](mailto:vbarnes@anest.ufl.edu)