

Appendix D: Electives and Consults

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Overview:

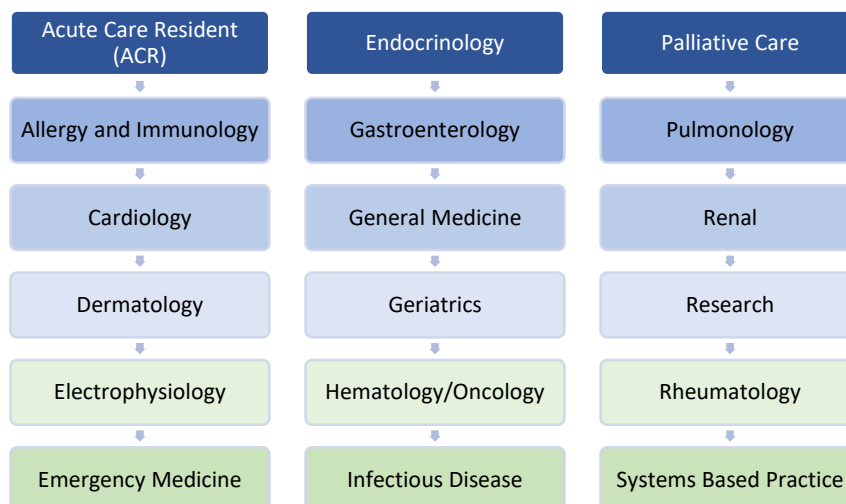
The Department of Medicine receives many consultation requests, both for subspecialty as well as general medicine evaluations. The department views these consultations as an important part of resident education; they should be seen quickly and diplomatically—as we hope other departments will do for us. Several points concerning consultations deserve emphasis:

- Subspecialty consultations will usually be evaluated by the resident and/or intern on the subspecialty consult service first and then presented to the subspecialty attending. An exception to this generalization might be a private patient of a faculty member. In that case, the faculty member may care for the patient initially and bypass the subspecialty house staff.
- A General Internal Medicine Consult service is established at the VA Hospital. This team will be staffed by the hospitalist team attending. It is not the responsibility of the residents to see General Medicine Consults at the VA. If the resident gets called by other specialties about a consult, then they should direct them to the appropriate person to contact.
- Consult weeks/electives are dispersed throughout the calendar year. In general, a PGY-1 will have 6-8 consult weeks and a PGY-2/3 will have 13-18 consult weeks per calendar year. These weeks include three weeks of vacation.
- Before the schedule is made, you will have the opportunity to rate your preference of electives. Although the scheduler will do their best to fulfill these requests, it is not a guarantee that you will be scheduled for the electives in which you have ranked as highest preference.
- There will be a few consult weeks in which you are assigned jeopardy. This means you could be pulled off the consult service to an essential rotation. Please see Appendix D for further details on the jeopardy system.
- You are allowed to take vacation during consult weeks as long as you are not assigned jeopardy.
- Typical Work hours: 8:00-16:00 (excluding ACR/VCR and general medicine)
- No weekends or call shifts (unless on jeopardy)

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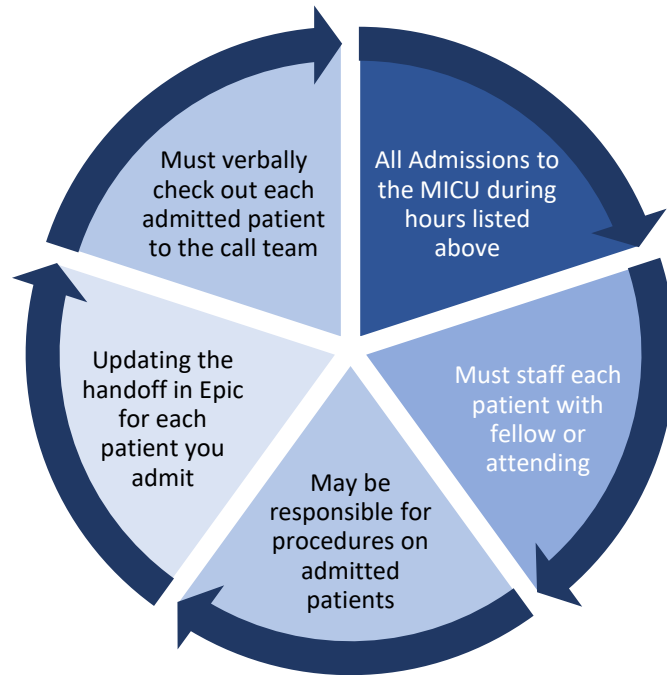
The day before starting a consult service, you should look at the call schedule to find the fellow who you will be on service with and reach out to them for time of arrival, location to meet, and expectations. These details are subject to change depending on the service and who is staffing the service.

- A list of available electives/consults at UAMS are as follows:



Additional information on ACR

- Work hours: 7:00-16:00, Monday-Friday; You should arrive no later than 7:00 to receive the admission and code pager from the overnight MICU resident.
- Rotation for PGY-2 and PGY-3 years. Interns do not rotate on this service.
- Will not have any assigned calls.
- Will not be on jeopardy as this is considered an essential service and you will have the weekend off.
- Responsibilities:



Additional information on Emergency Medicine Rotation

- Work hours: 3 different shifts, 6:00-15:00, 14:00-00:00, 20:00-7:00
- This is a required, one-month long, rotation that will be completed in the PGY-1 year.
- You will receive an email from the Emergency Medicine Department before the start of the rotation for schedule request. You will then receive an email which will include your schedule and expectations for the rotation.

Additional information on General Medicine Consults

General Internal Medicine consultations at UAMS will be the responsibility of the resident or intern and faculty assigned to the General Medicine Consultation (GMC) Service. If the resident on the consultation service cannot see the patient in a timely manner, it is the responsibility of that resident to contact the Attending on that service.

- Work hours: 7:30-16:00
- After 1600 on weekdays, 1200 on weekends and all day on holidays, and nights the ward resident on call will provide coverage for IM consults at UAMS and contact the faculty who is on call for General Internal Medicine to staff the patient.

- For the VA hospital, the non-teaching hospitalists will still be staffing those consults.
- May be on jeopardy if there is more than one resident.
- If you do not feel that you are able to staff a consult in a timely manner, contact your staff attending and explain the situation.
- Responsibilities:

Will pre-round on all existing and new inpatient consults then have formal rounds with your attending at a time in which they specify. This is attending dependent, and you will need to reach out to the attending on service to inquire about the start of rounds.

Will cover all inpatient general medicine consults, inpatient pre-operative consults, and pre-operative clinic.

Pre-operative clinic is in the TOSH building and runs from 13:00-16:00, Monday-Friday and one resident is expected to cover each day if there is more than one resident on GMC. If only one resident, they will go to the Peri-Op clinic on Tuesdays and Fridays only. Attending will cover new consults while the resident is in Peri-Op Clinic.

Additional information on Geriatrics

- Work Hours: 8:00-16:00; weekends off
- This is a required rotation to graduate. Usually, two weeks will be completed in the PGY-1 year. On some occasions a resident may be scheduled for one week in the PGY-1 year and one week in the PGY-2 year.
- This is a clinic rotation, located in the Institute for Aging. Approximately one week before the start of the rotation, the resident will receive an email from the Geriatric department specifying expectations, the schedule, and attending assignments with their contact information. Responsibilities will be attending dependent.

Additional information on Research Elective

- This elective is available for PGY-2 and PGY-3 years only.
- You must have been above the 30th percentile on your ITE to qualify for this rotation.
- The max amount of research elective time a resident can take is 4 weeks in the PGY-2 year and 4 weeks in the PGY-3 year.
- If a resident completes a research elective, it is required that they present at the annual research symposium.

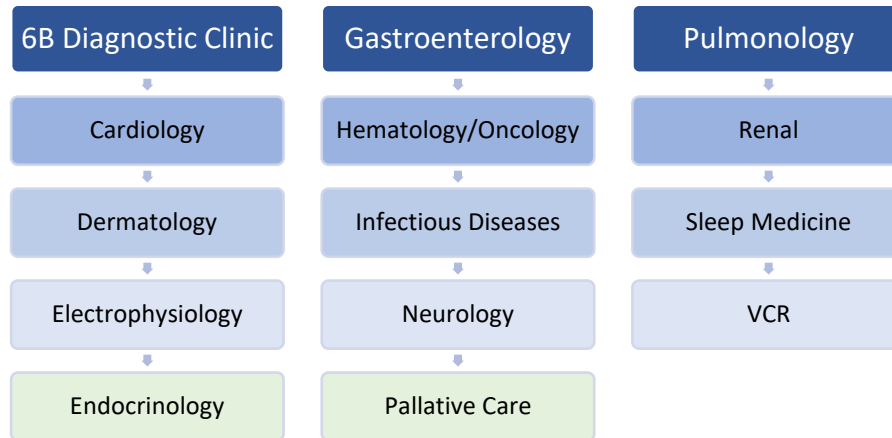
Additional information on Systems Based Practice

- This is a one-week, online elective that focuses on hospital policy and billing. This is a high-demand elective with limited spots, so unfortunately not everyone who requests this rotation will be scheduled for it.

VA Consults/Electives:

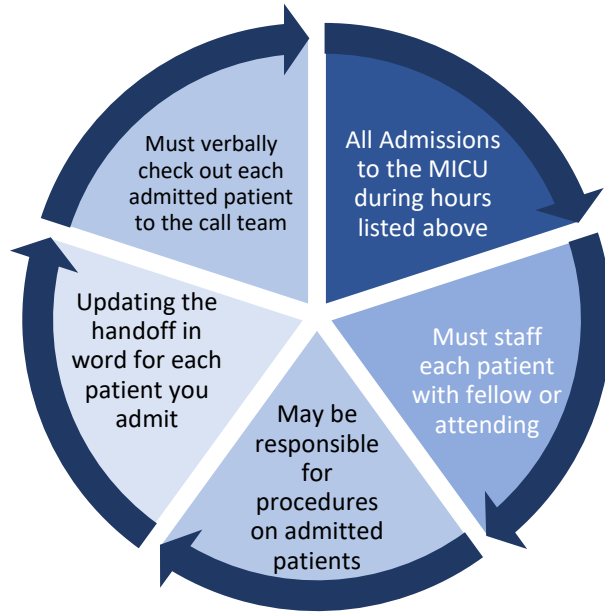
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- A list of available consults at VA are as follows:



Additional information on VCR

- Work hours:
 - 7:00-19:00 on Monday (or whichever assigned call day)
 - 7:00-16:00, Tuesday-Friday
 - You should arrive no later than 7:00 everyday to receive the admission and code pager from the overnight MICU resident.
- Rotation for PGY-2 and PGY-3 years. Interns do not rotate on this service.
- Will not be on jeopardy as this is considered an essential service and you will have the weekend off.
- Only one call shift assigned during this week until 19:00
- Responsibilities:



Additional information on Neurology

- Work Hours: 7:00-16:00, weekends off.
- This is a required rotation to graduate. A total of two weeks will be completed in the PGY-1 year.
- This is a consult service located at the VA in workroom 4B-152.
- Expectations will be reviewed in person with the intern on day one of service by neurology residents.