

Ancillary (Procedure) Shift at BHMC ED

In an effort to get the students and residents more experience with procedures that are typically done by ancillary services, we have devised a "procedure shift". This shift is a 12-hour shift during peak hours (10A-10P) in the ED. On this shift, the rotator should introduce himself to the charge nurse and identify himself as the rotator on the procedure shift. The charge nurse can then guide the rotator to introduce himself to the respiratory therapist on duty, nurses in the acute areas (red, yellow, blue), PA's and NP's in fast track, and the medics on duty. The rotator should let them know that he/she would like to be notified if procedures are available so that you can he/she can have the opportunity to learn and perform them. The rotator should use the shift card to write down MRN and procedure done. The RN, EMT, RT, etc. should initial each procedure and can leave comments on the card. Rotators should try to get as many procedures as possible during this shift. They should be sure to circulate throughout the shift and remind the staff that they are still seeking procedures as it is easy for them to forget during a busy ED shift. If there are no procedures to be done (this should be a rare occurrence) they can pick up patients in the department and help out as needed.

Regards,

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Procedures and skills to seek out include:

Respiratory Therapy:

- ABG procedure and interpretation
- Pre-intubation checklist and preparation
- Intubate under supervision of ED attending (when appropriate)
- Ventilator setup and management
- BiPAP / CPAP setup and management
- Nebulizer administration and Peak Flow measurement
- Set-up suction
- Set up nasal cannula, Face masks. Learn how to hook up to various oxygen sources: wall, tanks, different size tanks. Learn about regulators (pressure) vs. flowmeters.
- Change trachs

Nursing:

- Starting O2 and placing on monitor
- IV access and phlebotomy
- Starting IVF
- Foley catheter
- Nasogastric tube / Orogastric tube
- Start blood transfusions correctly
- Administer meds (esp. intramuscular) under RN supervision
- Setup up IV pumps (IVF, blood, vasoactive drips)
- Wound care, dressing changes and application
- Evaluate decubitus ulcers

PA's and NP's in Fast Track (only if there is no rotator on FT shift that day):

- Laceration
- I&D
- Digital block
- Trephination
- Arthrocentesis
- Control of Epistaxis
- Slit Lamp Eye Exam and Tonometry
- Reduction of simple fracture or dislocation

EMT's and Medics:

- IV access and phlebotomy
- EKG
- Splinting
- Ultrasound guided vascular access (only select personnel can perform this so if you have the opportunity to do work with one take advantage of it!)