

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.

Procedures they are looking for are as follows:

Respiratory Therapy:

- ABG procedure and interpretation
- Pre-intubation checklist and preparation
- Ventilator setup and management
- BiPAP / CPAP setup and management
- Nebulizer administration and Peak Flow measurement
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Nursing:

- Starting O2 and placing on monitor
- IV access and phlebotomy
- Starting IVF
- Foley catheter
- Nasogastric tube / Orogastric tube

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
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EMT's and Medics

- IV access and phlebotomy
- EKG
- 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!)

I am excited, as I am sure that the rotators are to have this shift added as part of their education. I am sure we will continue to fine-tune it as we go along but for now, please continue to provide feedback so that we can improve the experience for both parties.

Yours truly,

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