

Admissions and Schedule

Criteria for admission to the Eisenberg Service:

- Patients age 70 or older
- Patients should be community-dwelling (this includes patients who live in a private home or assisted living but excludes patients who live in nursing homes)
- Any patient who has a primary care provider in the UT Southwestern Geriatric Care Center, regardless of their age or place of residence
- Any patient whom the attending accepts as an admission to the service
- In general and within reason, upper-level residents should accommodate admissions outside of the strict admission policies in order to promote a reasonable census size and learning opportunities for students and trainees while still adhering to work hour rules. If there are concerns or questions, discuss with the attending.

Timing and procedures for admissions:

- On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, we accept up to one patient from overnight as a handoff from the Night Float Service at 7am and then up to 2 additional patients between 7am and 3pm.
- On Wednesdays, we accept up to 3 patients from overnight as a handoff from the Night Float Service at 7am. If we do not receive 3 admissions overnight on Wednesday, the resident and the attending must text the admitting hospitalist first thing on Wednesday morning to let them know whether or not we will accept up to 2 patients between 7am and 3pm.
- Direct admissions from the Geriatric Care Center can occur in coordination between the admitting clinic provider and the attending or resident on service. The admitting hospitalist and bed control must be made immediately aware of any direct admissions accepted by the team.
- We do not admit patients on Saturdays or Sundays.
- We do not accept transfers from other services, including from the ICU, except in special circumstances that must be approved by the attending.
- The team cap is 10 patients.
- **Residents should use the *Geriatrics Admission Order Set* when admitting patients.**

Routine obligations:

- All team members must be at the hospital no later than 7am on weekdays in order to receive handoff, including any new admissions, from the Night Float team.
- At least one member of the team should have seen each patient prior to the start of rounds at 7am.
- On weekends, at least the resident or intern must arrive by 7am in order to receive handoff from and relieve the Night Float team.
- On Sundays and Wednesdays, the Eisenberg upper-level resident will be available to provide cross coverage for the other internal medicine teaching services up until 7pm when handoff of responsibility for all teaching service patients is given to the Night Float service.
- Interns and/or residents should seek to complete their progress notes in a timely fashion each morning.

Rounds:

- Each attending will handle daily rounding and teaching as they see fit. The resident should coordinate with the attending early in the rotation to determine how rounds will work, what is expected of each member of the team during and prior to rounds, and whether any time for teaching will be set aside in advance.
- ACE Interprofessional Rounds occur M - F at 11am in the 12.116 conference room. At least one house staff member or the attending must be present and ready to start at 11am. In general, upper level

residents should be prepared to lead these rounds daily. All team members should strive to attend when there is not a conflicting conference or patient care obligation.

Days off and duty hour adherence:

- The intern and the resident must have one day off each week for a total of 4 days off in a 4 week rotation. Usually, this will mean that the resident takes off Saturday and the intern on Sunday, but this may vary at the resident's and attending's discretion. If, for any reason, a resident is unable to get a weekend day off, a weekday must be given off in the following week. **Adherence to all duty hour regulations as dictated by the internal medicine residency program is absolutely expected and required. If you feel you have violated or will violate any duty hour restriction, then you must inform the attending on service immediately.**
- Medical students must receive at least one day off a week, on average, for a total of 4 days off in a 4 week rotation. Days off will be at the discretion of the senior resident and the attending.