

OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE RESIDENT ROTATING FROM EMERGENCY MEDICINE

The resident should function as junior house staff in the department. At the discretion of the supervising consultant staff, graded responsibility should be awarded to achieve stated goals and objectives.

Psychiatry

Goals:

1. Develop familiarity with common psychotherapeutic agents
2. Learn relevant interviewing techniques to deal with patients with various psychiatric disorders
3. Learn principles of managing the violent patient

Objectives:

1. Demonstrate ability to conduct an interview in patients with acute psychiatric disorders
2. Demonstrate ability to perform a mental status exam in patients with normal and altered mental status.
3. Discuss the indications for emergent psychiatric consultation
4. Discuss the indications for routine psychiatric consultation
5. Demonstrate ability to assess suicide risk
6. Demonstrate ability to interact with violent emergency department patients and discuss protection techniques for patients and staff members.
7. Discuss techniques of avoiding an acute psychiatric crisis in the emergency department.
8. Define major categories of psychiatric illness including thought, mood, anxiety, somatoform and personality disorders
9. Discuss the pharmacokinetics, indications, contraindications and side effects of the major classes of psychotherapeutic agents including major tranquilizers, sedative/hypnotics, and antidepressants.
10. Discuss the process of voluntary and involuntary commitment
11. Discuss the indications for physical and chemical restraint and demonstrate ability to use restraint appropriately
12. Discuss the difference between pseudodementia (depression) and true dementia in the elderly.
13. Discuss organic causes of altered mental status including dementia and delirium.
14. Demonstrate ability to differentiate organic and functional causes of altered mental status.
15. Demonstrate ability to diagnose and manage common intoxication and withdrawal syndromes
16. Discuss the common complications of alcohol and drug abuse and demonstrate ability to diagnose and manage these complications
17. demonstrate ability to interact effectively with patients with personality disorders including antisocial, borderline, compulsive, dependent, histrionic and passive-aggressive personalities