



CONSULT MEDICINE ROTATION

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF CANADA *Objectives of Training and Specialty Training Requirements in Anesthesia*

Specific Objectives in CanMEDS Format

OVERALL GOALS

Anesthesia resident can complete a one or two block rotation in Consult Medicine. This rotation may be done in any of the teaching hospitals and will be a mix of inpatient and outpatient internal medicine. The anesthesia resident should use this rotation to improve their understanding and ability to optimize a patient preoperatively and care for patients in the perioperative setting.

ROTATION OBJECTIVES

At the completion of training, the resident will have acquired the following competencies and will function effectively as:

Medical Expert

During the rotation, the resident will demonstrate proficiency in:

- The assessment of patients presenting with undifferentiated medical complaints/problems including eliciting a relevant history, performance of the appropriate physical examination and evidence-based use of diagnostic testing.
- Evidence-based management of common medical illnesses as well as less common but remediable conditions.
- Effective, integrated management of multiple medical problems in patients with complex illnesses.
- Performance of common procedures used in diagnosis and management of medical patients including ECG interpretation.

Communicator

The resident will be able to:

- Obtain a thorough and relevant medical history.
- Complete a bedside presentation of patient problems.
- Discuss diagnoses, investigations and management options with patients and their families.
- Obtain informed consent for medical procedures and treatments.
- Communicate with members of the health care team.
- Communicate with referring and/or family physicians.



Collaborator

The resident will:

- Demonstrate proficiency in working effectively within the health care team.
- Demonstrate appropriate use of consultative services.
- Recognize and respect the roles of other physicians, nursing staff, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nutritionists, pharmacists, social workers, secretarial and support staff, and community care agencies in provision of optimal patient care.

Leader

During the rotation, the resident will:

- Oversee provision of care and implementation of decisions regarding patient care, including effective delegation of care roles.
- Understand the principles and practical application of health care economics and ethics of resource allocation.
- Utilize health care resources in a scientifically, ethically and economically defensible manner.
- Demonstrate effective time management to achieve balance between career and personal responsibilities.

Health Advocate

On completion of the rotation, the trainee will:

- Understand important determinants of health including psychosocial, economic and biologic.
- Demonstrate the ability to adapt patient assessment and management based on health determinants.
- Recognize situations where advocacy for patients, the profession or society are appropriate and be aware of strategies for effective advocacy at local, regional and national levels.

Scholar

During the rotation, the resident will:

- Demonstrate ability to use library and electronic resources to obtain information required for patient care and further their own education.



Professional

During the rotation, the resident will:

- Demonstrate integrity, honesty and compassion in delivery of the highest quality of care.
- Demonstrate appropriate personal and interpersonal professional behaviors.
- Demonstrate awareness of the role and responsibilities of the profession within society.
- Develop and demonstrate use of a framework for recognizing and dealing with ethical issues in clinical and/or research practice including truth-telling, consent, conflict of interest, resource allocation and end-of-life care.

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