1905 Pediatric Cardiac Critical Care

Course: Pediatric Cardiac Critical Care  Course Number: PED 1905

Department: Pediatrics

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Hospital: (Location of rotation) Children’s Medical Center

Periods Offered: Periods 1-12

Length: 4 weeks

Max # of Students: 2 (Post Clerkship Students)

First Day Contact: CVICU Attending or CVICU Fellow on duty

First Contact Time: 7:00am

First Day Location: Children’s Main Hospital CVICU 3rd Floor, D Tower (Physicians Touchdown)

Prerequisites: PED 1801 Pediatric Core Clerkship

I. Course Description

Students will be integral members of an ICU team providing comprehensive pediatric cardiac critical care to neonates, infants, and children with congenital and acquired heart disease. Each student will be assigned 1-3 patients, and will have the primary responsibility for these patients under the supervision of a CICU faculty member. Students will participate in post-operative care, read material relevant to their patient’s condition and attend scheduled clinical conferences.

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<td>Patient Care:</td>
<td>• Gather essential and accurate information about their patients. Examples: history, intercurrent problems, physical examination, results of pertinent laboratory tests and data from physiologic monitors.</td>
<td>• Quality of Medical Records entries</td>
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<td>• Together with the CICU attending and fellow/nurse practitioner, make informed recommendations about diagnostic and therapeutic interventions. Example: Determine the need for echocardiography or cardiac catheterization in patients with congenital heart disease.</td>
<td>• Skills evaluation from direct observation.</td>
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<td>• Together with the CICU attending and fellow/nurse/practitioner, communicate the plan of care to</td>
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<th>Parents. <em>Example: Explain the timing of surgery for a child with congenital heart disease.</em></th>
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<td>• Work with health care professionals, including those from other disciplines, to provide patient-focused care, and develop/carry out patient management plans. <em>Examples: Initiating respiratory care or mechanical ventilation, inotropic support, arrhythmia therapy, nursing/physical therapy.</em></td>
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**Medical Knowledge:**
Students must demonstrate knowledge about established biomedical and clinical sciences and the application of this knowledge to patient care.

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<th>Learn the indications and physical assessment skills required for determining the need for cardiac intensive care unit admission and treatment.</th>
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<td>• Develop the skills required to assimilate and critically evaluate historical, physical, physiologic, and laboratory data, and to present these data in an organized and prioritized manner.</td>
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<td>• Attempt interpretation of all data pertinent to the patient’s cardiac function, through development of the following skills:</td>
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<td>o Focused physical examination – recognition of signs of congestive heart failure, cyanosis, and arrhythmias.</td>
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<td>o Recognition of the pathophysiologic effects of shunt lesions, pulmonary hypertension, valvar obstructions, and myocardial dysfunction.</td>
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<td>o Interpretation of chest roentgenograms to identify cardiac enlargement, characteristic cardiac silhouettes, and abnormal pulmonary markings.</td>
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<td>o Interpretation of electrocardiographic tracings with reference to rhythm abnormalities, pediatric myocardial ischemia, etc.</td>
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<td>o Interpretation of the hemodynamic findings of a cardiac catheterization report.</td>
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<td>o Interpretation of the findings of an echocardiography report.</td>
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| Each student is required to create a case presentation and to present it to the faculty and fellows during the rotation. It is recommended that students present an interesting case they encountered during their rotation. However, they are also permitted to present on a topic of interest that relates to pediatric NICU. The presentation will be given in the designated department conference room. |
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- Develop an understanding of the natural history of various forms of congenital heart disease and the indications for cardiac surgery and/or catheter intervention.
- Develop a pathophysiology based understanding of common congenital heart lesions and conditions, including but not limited to:
  - Atrial septal defect
  - Ventricular septal defect
  - Atrioventricular canal
  - Patent ductus arteriosus
  - Tetralogy of Fallot
  - Hypoplastic left heart syndrome / single ventricle physiology
  - Cardiac tamponade
  - Post-cardiopulmonary bypass SIRS
  - Myocarditis / cardiomyopathy
  - Ventricular tachycardia
  - Supraventricular tachycardia
  - Cardiopulmonary interaction
- Gain a basic understanding of the preoperative and postoperative management and stabilization of children with critical heart disease. Treatment modalities to which students will be exposed include:
  - PGE infusion
  - Inhaled nitric oxide
  - Temporary pacing
  - Mechanical ventilation (and cardiopulmonary interaction)
  - Inotropic support
  - Sedation and pain control
  - Nutritional support
- Gain experience in dealing with the family, social, economic, and ethical issues related to critical cardiac illness in childhood.

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<td>Give clear, concise, well-organized case presentations, exchange patient information effectively with members of the team (e.g., nurses, residents, and fellow), work effectively with other members when indicated, and participate in rounds.</td>
<td>Locate and assimilate evidence from scientific studies related to their</td>
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<td>Explain complex treatments to parents without medical jargon.</td>
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<td>Communicate effectively during rounds.</td>
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<td>Observations of faculty and staff.</td>
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- Interpersonal and Communication Skills:
- Practice-Based Learning and Improvement:
### II. Methods of Instruction

**Didactic:**

- **Tuesday:** PICU Conference (noon) and Case Conference (1:00 PM)
- **Wednesday:** 5:00 PM Cardiac Surgery Conference (next week’s cases)
- **Thursday:** 7:30 AM Cardiology Research/Clinical Conference  
  1:00 PM CICU Case Review

**Clinical:**

- Students are expected to arrive at latest by 6:30 am in order to be prepared for 7:30 am rounds with the CICU faculty and surgeons.
- Afternoon rounds generally occur between 4:00-5:00 pm and are conducted by the on-call CICU fellow or nurse practitioner.
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- Students are expected to take call at least weekly, depending on the surgical schedule. The goal is to take call when their patients have surgery as well as on evenings when particularly complex cases are performed (i.e. Norwood Procedure). This should be discussed between the student and the attending intensivist on service.

III. Overview of Student Responsibilities
- Evaluate patients, present to attending, and follow until discharge.
- Students are expected to take primary responsibility for their patients with supervision by the residents, fellows, and faculty members.

IV. Method of Evaluation of Students and Requirements

Pass-fail grades; there are no examinations. Evaluations of the student by the faculty will be based on achievement of the stated objectives of the course. This will be assessed by the student’s preparation, fund of knowledge, participation in rounds, and participation on call.