Expectations for VCU M4 Acting Internship (AI) in Internal Medicine

Welcome to the M4 AI in Internal Medicine. In the next four weeks, you will practice as an acting intern and take an active role in the care and management of complex medical cases. The schedule will be challenging and will mirror that of an intern at VCU Medical Center. The following is a set of expectations to better define your experience during this rotation.

**General Expectations of Students on Internal Medicine AI:**
1. Als will actively participate in the care of the patients assigned to them.
2. While on call, all AIs are expected to admit and manage at least one patient.
3. While there is no required number of patients to be carried by an AI at any given time, a 4th year acting intern should be able to manage 2-3 patients.
4. Als will write orders on their cases. These orders must be reviewed and countersigned by either the senior resident, or the team’s attending physician.
5. Als must write daily notes on their patients. These notes must be reviewed and signed by the senior resident or the attending physician, and must have patient documentation from the senior resident.
6. Like all housestaff, AIs are allowed 1 in 7 days off. The days off schedule is determined by the senior resident for each medical team, or by the attending physician. The AI’s day off will be the same as that of the team’s senior resident.
7. Unlike 3rd year medical students, AIs do not follow the University calendar for holidays. As such, unless otherwise instructed, University holidays are not free for AIs unless this is designated as the 1 day in 7 off.
8. Als will abide by the 80 hour week like all students and medical houseofficers.
9. Als will attend all intern conferences. In addition, attendance at the noon housestaff conference and morning reports is expected.
10. As members of the medical team, AIs are expected to participate in the education of M3 medical students.
11. During the course of the rotation, AIs are expected to present a medically relevant topic as a brief didactic to their medical team.
12. AI students are expected to inform nursing staff that they are functioning as students and working in conjunction with a supervising intern.

**Additional Expectations of Students on Internal Medicine AI Night-Float:**
1. Students should adhere to all expectations as outlined above in the General Expectations of Students on Internal Medicine AI.
2. Student should cover patients through the team that he/she was originally assigned to during the day shift.
3. The AI must be “tied” to the intern/resident for all cross-coverage calls.
4. All AI students will be supervised by both residents and interns.
5. During a night-shift, the AI is expected to admit a minimum of one patient and cross-cover one virtual pager as assigned in conjunction with the supervising intern/resident.
6. Hours of duty will follow that of the resident night-floating hours (7:00 PM – 9:00 AM Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday). While on night float, Als will receive Tuesday and Wednesday off each week and may not report for work on Tuesday or Wednesday, as there is no senior resident working on either night.
7. AI students on night float are not required to attend morning report, intern conferences, or the noon housestaff conferences.
8. AI students on night float are excused from duty the night before the AI exam.
Universal Objectives for VCU Acting Internships
(Based on CDIM and COMSEP Sub-Internship Curricula)

**Patient Care**
1. Independently perform both a comprehensive and focused history and physical examination
2. Independently formulate a patient-specific differential diagnosis
3. Recognize patients requiring immediate attention by a supervising physician
4. Formulate a systematic method for prioritizing patient care responsibilities
5. Anticipate patient care needs during the course of hospitalization
6. Reassess patients continuously
7. Write orders using the EMR
8. Document admission H&Ps, daily progress notes, transfer notes, status updates, procedure notes, and discharge summaries effectively and efficiently in the EMR system
9. Prepare prescriptions
10. Obtain informed consent for a procedure
11. Provide verbal and written handoffs to colleagues
12. Provide cross-coverage responsibilities
13. Rationalize a management plan for a patient admitted to the hospital

**Medical Knowledge**
14. Identify the criteria for admission to the hospital
15. Determine readiness for patient discharge
16. Describe the indications, contraindications, risks, and benefits to common procedures encountered in the specialty

**Interpersonal and Communication Skills**
17. Communicate effectively with patients and family members
18. Communicate effectively with physician and non-physician members of the healthcare team
19. Clearly and concisely present patients to the healthcare team

**Professionalism**
20. Display integrity, compassion, respect, altruism, and empathy when interacting with all members of the health care team including patients and their families
21. Show respect for patient confidentiality
22. Incorporate cultural considerations into patient care plans

**Practice-Based Learning and Improvement**
23. Identify strengths, deficiencies, and limits in one’s knowledge and clinical skills through self-evaluation
24. Acknowledge own uncertainty
25. Solicit and incorporate feedback into daily practice
26. Apply scientific evidence to daily patient care activities

**Systems-Based Practice**
27. Utilize consultants and other healthcare professionals to optimize patient care delivery
28. Coordinate transition from the inpatient to outpatient settings and vice versa
29. Arrange follow-up care
30. Arrange discharge needs (medications, nutrition, etc.)