

ICU – CRITICAL CARE

RESIDENT INFORMATION

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Overview of Rotation

The North York General Hospital Critical Care Unit elective rotation will offer residents and fellows an opportunity to work in a large level 3 intensive care unit in a community teaching hospital situated in the greater metropolitan area of Toronto. The rotation will expose residents to a broad spectrum of medical, surgical and cardiac problems in a mixed critical care unit. Trainees will have the opportunity to improve their recognition of critical illness and practice their skill in management of critical events under the supervision of trained intensivists. They will also have the opportunity to practice their procedural skills regarding airway management and vascular access in a controlled setting. They will have the opportunity to improve their communication skills by working as part of a large multidisciplinary team.

Schedule

Schedule requests are forwarded to the Program Coordinator through the Centre for Education. There is no overnight call. Residents are expected to work one weekend in a four-week rotation – the particular weekend is at their discretion.

Preceptor Assignment

Staff supervision is provided by the attending physician in the Critical Care Unit, which rotates on a weekly basis.

Educational Activities

There are no formally scheduled rounds or journal clubs during this rotation. An educational package including relevant articles and critical care resources is made available to trainees at the beginning of their rotation. Teaching predominantly consists of case-based review and hands-on procedural supervision.

Assessment

Trainees are assessed weekly by the attending physician, with a formal evaluation towards the end of their rotation done by either the Medical Director or the Educational Lead. Formal evaluations are designed by the program directors of the trainees and are based on the CANMEDS framework and rotational objectives laid out by each program.