

## South Health Campus Respirology Rotation – Information Sheet

### Welcome to the South Health Campus Respirology Rotation

On the first day of your rotation please report to the Outpatient Pulmonary Diagnostics Unit physician workroom (SHC Outpatient Tower, 6th Floor) at 8:15am. You will meet the Respirologist on call at that time to briefly orient you to the service. If the first day of the rotation occurs on a STAT holiday (eg Thanksgiving Monday), then please report to the same location as above (8:15 AM) on the next regular work day. If you do not see the Respirologist on call, please page him/her using the Regional On-Call Application (ROCA) and the online paging system.

### INPATIENT AND CONSULTATION SERVICE

You will be part of our multidisciplinary team and will encounter a broad range of pulmonary problems during your rotation. The Respirology Service consists of both primary inpatients (Units 66 & 68) and consultations. The Respirology service inpatient capacity is 8 beds (although sometimes we are required to exceed this capacity at the discretion of the attending physician). The attending Respirologist rotates on a weekly basis (Friday 1200 to Friday 1200). Information on which Respirologist is on call can be obtained through ROCA on a monthly basis.

Friday PM (1200) is sign-over, where the attending Respirologist transfers care of all inpatients and consultations over to the next Attending.

Admissions and urgent consults seen while on call must be reviewed with an attending.

Patient admissions require **documentation of the full History and Physical, Medication Reconciliation sheet, and Orders including Goals of Care documentation**. The division is encouraging residents to utilize the **AECOPD order set in Sunrise**, when appropriate.

**Discharge summaries /Transfer Notes** are to be completed at time of discharge or transfer (but the resident is encouraged to work on these in advance). **Notify the Attending Physician that there is a Discharge summary in Sunrise that requires finalization** by the Attending.

**When discharging a patient**, if a patient needs a follow-up appointment, the expectation is that the patient's primary respirologist is contacted (**preferably by email**) **in addition to being copied on the discharge summary**.

## CALL REQUIREMENTS

*(Residents and Fellows only; no formal call requirements for clinical clerks)*

Pulmonary is home call (1 in 4), therefore for a 4 week rotation, you are responsible for providing 7 nights of call and, in practice, this consists of one weekend (=3 call nights) and 4 other nights of call (generally one night per week unless there are extenuating circumstances). If you are taking 1 week of holidays, you are required to provide 5 call nights (1 weekend and 2 nights)

**We do not dictate which weekend or nights you choose to do call** – you can choose your own schedule. We simply ask you to work it out with your fellow Resident(s) on the first day of the rotation in some equitable fashion. Once the Resident call schedule is made (ideally within the first 48 hours of the rotation start), please provide a copy to Dr. Tara Lohmann (tara.lohmann@ahs.ca) and Administrative assistant, Ruby ([Ruby.Leachman@ahs.ca](mailto:Ruby.Leachman@ahs.ca)).

If you need to arrange your call nights/weekend in advance due to specific reasons or wish to adhere to the PARA guidelines (call schedules to be made 1 week prior to the rotation), please contact the Program Administrator to obtain the name of your fellow Resident(s) during the rotation or refer to the information email sent to you prior to your elective. You can work out the scheduling well before the rotation, should you wish.

**If you arrange call prior to the rotation, please send a copy of the schedule to Dr. Lohmann and [Ruby.Leachman@ahs.ca](mailto:Ruby.Leachman@ahs.ca).**

Remuneration for Call is arranged through the Respiriology Program Administrator (PA). Please fill out the Resident Call Remuneration Form and submit to the PA via email or fax (contact information is on the 'training program' webpage <http://www.departmentofmedicine.com/respiratory-medicine/resp-education/> (see bottom of page) **within two weeks after the end of your rotation.**

• It is impossible for the Program Administrator to determine the type of call (i.e. was "home" or "switch") **therefore, you must submit the On-Call remuneration form within two weeks following the rotation.** If the Program Administrator has not received this completed form within the allowed time allowed by the Medical Office, **the Program Administrator will submit the call as "home" call until such time as he/she receives the completed form.** Please note: any forms received after the time allowed by the Medical office, **will be sent as a revised submission and will affect the date you will be paid.**

**Please make your holiday requests 8 weeks prior to the rotation with your Program Director.**

## CLINICAL CLERKS

You will be here for a two week rotation on the Inpatient Service. There are no call requirements but you can be on call at night or on the week-end with the residents/fellows if you would like.

## ROUNDS

Day		Time	Location	Notes
Tues	Medicine Grand Rounds	8:00	Location varies.	Resident/Clinical clerk level
Wednesday	SHC pulmonary journal club	12:00	SHC Pulmonary Diagnostics Conference room	Lunch usually provided
Thurs	Chest x-ray teaching	8:15	SHC – IM meeting room. In the hallway between unit 66 and 68.	For IM housestaff and rotating resp residents/med students
Fri	Citywide CXR rounds	7:00	FMC - Robert Johns theatre	located on ground level, Special Services Bldg, by Film Library & Nuclear Medicine
Fri	Clinical Academic rounds*	8:00	FMC - Robert Johns theatre	
<b>*cancelled during summer months</b>				

**Respirology fellows are expected to lead Tuesday morning CXR rounds teaching.**

## PULMONARY FUNCTION TESTING

We encourage Residents and Clerks to perform Pulmonary Function testing in the lab – it is useful to know what you are sending your patients for when ordering these tests. You can arrange this with the Pulmonary Function Respiratory Therapists (please contact them early in your rotation – 403 956 2801, ask for Christine Edgerton.

## PROCEDURES

### **Bronchoscopy (for Anesthesiology residents and Respirology/Critical Care Fellows)**

Non-emergent bronchoscopies are scheduled five days a week at 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am, 1:30pm. Bronchoscopy suite in the Outpatient Pulmonary Diagnostics Unit.

Both outpatient and inpatient procedures are performed. The schedule can be obtained by calling the Pulmonary Diagnostics Unit 403-956-2844.

**Respirology Fellows are encouraged to attend all bronchoscopies, provided there are no urgent issues on the ward.**

**They are also expected to review the clinical case and plan prior to the bronchoscopy.** Internal Medicine Residents and Clinical Clerks are invited to observe bronchoscopies.

### **Pleural Procedures**

We try to have trainees perform as many procedures as possible, but the number of procedures is variable. The SHC Respiratory Group has a portable ultrasound that many attending staff will use to help with diagnostics and procedures. You are welcome to use the ultrasound WITH the supervision of an attending staff or pulmonary fellow.

**Please note: this ultrasound machine is NOT to be used by anyone at anytime other than pulmonary staff and fellows. When you are not on your pulmonary rotation, you must use OTHER ultrasound machine(s) available for internal medicine residents.**

**AMBULATORY EXPERIENCE:**

During the 4 week rotation, there may be opportunity for trainees to see clinic patients, particularly if the inpatient service is not busy. You may be invited to see interesting new referrals or follow ups. Also, if there are patients discharged from hospital who are followed up in clinic during the 4 week rotation, we encourage residents and fellows to try and see those patients in clinic. If you are particularly interested in attending certain subspecialty clinics to satisfy your learning needs, please discuss this with the respirologist on call and we will try to accommodate you.

**EVALUATIONS:**

At SHC, we will fill out a single end-of-rotation ITER-based on aggregate feedback from all attending Physicians during your rotation. We encourage you to ask for interim feedback from each of your weekly attendings. There is an optional formal interim evaluation at the discretion of the attending physician. Your program will dictate how the ITERs are sent (if in doubt, contact your Program Administrator).

For Clinical Clerks, please direct your evaluation/ITER to your SECOND week preceptor.

For Respiratory Fellows, Dr Lohmann will distribute the ITER to the appropriate preceptor.

**Please do not send electronic requests for evaluations on a week to week basis. We would prefer to fill out ONE evaluation for each resident/clerk for the entire rotation.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON YOUR RESPIROLOGY ROTATION AND  
HOPE THAT YOU HAVE AN ENJOYABLE AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE!**

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