

MEDICAL STUDENT NEUROLOGY WARD EXPECTATIONS

Course Objectives

- Perform a thorough neurologic history emphasizing the character of symptoms, their mode of onset, duration and evolution
- Perform a complete basic neurologic exam including tests of mental status, cranial nerves (including funduscopic exam), motor and sensory function, coordination, reflexes and gait
- Synthesize the results of the history and neurologic exam with regard to anatomic localization and differential diagnosis
- Demonstrate the skill to recognize neurologic emergencies and appropriate initial management and triage

Orientation

- You will meet with Dr. Mary Goodsett on the first day for orientation to the neurology department.
- She will review how to do a basic neurologic exam

Necessary Supplies

- Stethoscope (supply your own), 128 Hz tuning fork (supplied), reflex hammer (supplied)
- Appropriate professional attire includes short white coat with name tag visible, no open toed shoes, men wear collared shirt and neck tie and women if skirts worn to the knees or below with modest tops

Daily Duties

- You will be assigned patients to perform a neurologic consultation which will be discussed with resident (if available) and/or staff
- You will be expected to write daily notes on your patients and be prepared for rounds including morning exam , new test results and events
- Assessment and plan should be attempted on your own and then modified if necessary after reviewing with staff
- Follow up on all test results subsequently completed that day
- If there is a status change, you should write a NEW note, that is, an additional progress note for the day
- Double check on your patients before you leave for the day and report changes to resident/staff
- Every Wednesday from 8-9 attend the Neuroradiology/Neurology Conference in Conference Room A on the third floor of the East Building

Oral Presentations

- Presentations need to be precise but complete
- This skill takes time to develop, but try as best you can.
 - ◆ Daily presentations should ideally be about 1 minute in length and be in a SOAP format
 - ◆ New consult presentations should include pertinent history and exam findings with anatomic localization, differential diagnosis and plan