

PGY4 YEAR CORE INTERNAL MEDICINE PROGRAM

MANDATORY ROTATIONS

The following rotations are mandatory during the academic year:

1. Junior Attending assigned to a CTU: 1 block
2. Community GIM Rotation (RGH, NGH, BGH, DH): 2 blocks
3. ICU Rotation: 1 block
4. Cardiology Rotation: 1 block
5. Perioperative Rotation: 0.5 block
6. Longitudinal Clinic

COMPETENCY BY DESIGN CURRICULUM & EPAs

The R4 year is now a part of the Competency by Design Curriculum. As per the Royal College, residents are expected to complete Transition to Practice EPAs. Recommendations on where the EPAs could be completed and descriptions of the EPAs will be made available. Residents are expected to complete 8 EPAs every 3 months and progress is tracked by the Competency Committee. Completion of EPAs is required for successful completion of the program and graduation.

ACADEMIC SESSIONS

Joint academic sessions with the 5-year GIM fellowship program are held once a month. These Academic Sessions are full day and attendance is mandatory. The 5-year GIM program holds Journal Club presentations during the noon hour on the academic session dates. These are optional in terms of attendance, but are often quite informative and the program encourages attendance for ongoing learning.

During the other Wednesdays in the month, PGY4 residents will have the afternoons off as self-study time. Occasionally, the program will schedule additional academic lectures or sessions on a Wednesday afternoon to supplement the curriculum.

TRANSITION INTO PRACTICE ACADEMIC SESSIONS

Please note there are also Transition into Practice Academic Sessions held by the UBC PGME Office. PGY4s are encouraged to attend these, and further details can be found here:

postgrad.med.ubc.ca/current-trainees/transition-into-practice/.

CROSS COVERAGE SCHEDULING

Core PGY4 residents are still eligible to be scheduled for cross coverage call. The program realizes the importance of this final year of training so, residents will be scheduled for no more than 6 cross coverage call shifts per academic year.

LONGITUDINAL CLINICS

Longitudinal clinics are mandatory for residents to participate in to gain a better insight into the ongoing care of patients. This allows the resident to complete initial consults, but to also follow up on investigations, tailor management plans and to understand the challenges that may come along the way. These learning opportunities are often missed when only involved in the initial encounter. PGY4s can schedule up to 1 full day of longitudinal clinic a week.

CONFERENCES/COURSES

Some funding is available for educational courses that will be beneficial to practice (such as ACLS/ATLS/Difficult Airway courses). Conference leave and additional funding to attend conferences is available (\$600 per annum).

CORE INTERNAL MEDICINE PGY-4 JOURNAL CLUB

The core PGY4 Journal Club is a mandatory component to the program. Each resident will choose a practice changing journal article to present.

Internists from the major teaching hospitals as well as community sites along with residents from the GIM program will be invited to attend. Attendance and participation in the ensuing discussions post-presentation is mandatory