Description

The purpose of this rotation is to enhance the education experience of residents in Diagnostic Radiology through participation in the clinical care and treatment of patients in the Veterans Administration Hospital, a teaching hospital which serves over 20,000 veterans. All policies and procedures of the residency program apply to the rotation including teaching, supervision, and evaluation of radiology residents.

Rotation Aims

1. Introduce DHMC radiology residents to a multispecialty VA clinic and hospital
2. Interpret and manage a diverse and busy caseload in the VA environment with an emphasis on the diagnosis and management of diseases of the complex medical problems that confront this population.
3. Hone communication skills as they pertain to interacting with clinicians.
4. Develop skills for leading housestaff teaching rounds efficiently and effectively.
5. Participate in daily one-on-one teaching sessions with VA radiologists.
6. Improve dictation and report editing skills.

Learning Objectives

1. Interpret a wide range of imaging exams from a veteran population.
2. Lead radiology-internal medicine teaching rounds for inpatient medical teams.
3. Develop the time management and prioritization skills required to efficiently work with mixed modality work lists to ensure the timely interpretation and reporting of exams.
4. Develop effective communication and consultative skills with VA clinical staff, including attending physicians, residents and medical students.
5. Develop concise, accurate reports.

Duties

1. Perform preliminary interpretations of imaging modalities (CT, x-ray, fluoro) under the direction of the attending radiologist.
2. Complete protocols for emergency department and add-on inpatient CT exams.
3. Provide Stat and Wet readings as requested by clinicians.
4. Perform fluoroscopy examinations as scheduled.
5. Attend daily teaching sessions with staff radiologist.
6. Dictate and proofread reports prior to review with radiologist.
Assignments

Assignments defined according to work needs and resident expertise.

Suggested Reading

No specific reading is assigned for this rotation. Readings will be suggested or assigned to correlate with the daily work. The resident should continue with their general radiology reading.

Evaluation

An E Value evaluation will be assigned to the supervisor at the end of the rotation.