CHO NICU Orientation

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Books to own (can order from Amazon):

* Nelson’s or Rudolph’s **Pediatrics**
* Polin & Yoder **Workbook in Practical Neonatology**
* Smith’s **Recognizable Patterns of Human Malformation**

Resources:

* House Staff Manual - available on CD (soon on website) - is not a substitute for reading texts and articles
* Teaching directory on network (Notes) – contains Guidelines, Webcasts, Podcasts

Expected Reading:

* Nelson or Rudolph – read all of the neonatal sections by end of Intern rotation
* Polin & Yoder – read all of it by end of Intern rotation
* House Staff Manual – read all of it by end of Intern rotation
* Other articles/references as indicated

Expectation – you will know:

* Your patients’ histories
* Details of all diagnoses your patients have (or have had)
* Implications of all diagnostic studies ordered on your patients
* Pharmacology and toxicology of all medications your patients receive
* Managing patients in the NICU is easy – understanding **Why** and **How** is the difficult part
* Learn how to learn – what questions might you be asked on rounds?

It’s a Team Sport:

* You know everyone on the team – not just “your” patients
* Discourage “selective” rounding on post-call patients first
* Would rather have whole team on rounds, attending helps with notes
* PLEASE – be careful with your notes – dates/times/details matter!

NICU lectures:

* Mon, Wed, Fri from 8:15 to 9:00 in Neonatology conference room
* If there is a NICU M&M conference (usually the 4th Wed of the month at 7:30), you are expected to attend this in place of the usual NICU lecture.

Other conferences:

* Grand Rounds at 8:00-9:00 on Tues
* Case Conference at 8:00-9:00 on Thurs
* Noon Conference at 12:00-1:00 Mon-Fri
* NICU Radiology Conference at 11:00 on Wed
* Residents are expected to attend all conferences (and attend them on time)

Rounds:

* Rounds typically begin at 9:15
* Residents are expected to have examined all of their patients, reviewed relevant data, assessed their patents’ status, and formulated tentative plans prior to rounds.
* The NICU is open 24 hrs, and residents are welcome to begin their day as early as they need to complete all of their tasks prior to rounds.

Evaluation:

* Everyone starts with a clean slate, regardless of med school or prior rotations
* An above-average evaluation comes only with exceptional performance (and requires exceptional reading)