Stroke Neurology

Overview: Inpatient neurology is split between Stroke Neurology and General/Epilepsy Neurology. The stroke neurology team is made up of 1 chief resident, 1 first year neurology resident and yourself (usually no intern on unless categorical anesthesia intern is on). Your home base will be on Farr 11, but patients can be admitted pretty much anywhere on the West campus based on bed availability.

Daily schedule: Meet in Farr 11 workroom by 7:00 AM to start rounding on patients with the team. Prior to starting the rotation you can contact your neuro chief resident to receive a proress note template that can be used during rounds to fill out vitals/exam findings. Unlike other rotations, you will not receive a formal signout from the nightfloat resident in the morning. Pertinent overnight events will be communicated on the neuro list-serve (you can contact to your chief and request to be added to the email list serve). Also, this list-serve will include any overnight admissions so you can check in the AM to see which patients you should pick-up. No need to pre-round as you and your resident will be filling in the vitals and exam during walk rounds. All of the neurology residents have IPads, so it’s helpful to be putting in orders, labs for the next day, etc as you’re walk rounding on the patients. Daily 9:30AM and noon lectures for the most part. You will card-flip on old patients and see new admissions with the attending usually after morning lecture. Plan to bring or buy lunch for most days. Friday noon conference is led by the Chief of Neurology and is geared towards going over neuro pathways for the medical students; there’s always lunch at this conference.

Call schedule: q4 short call. This means that the General/Epilepsy team will sign out to you and your resident every 4th day at 5PM. You cross-cover their patients and help with direct admissions and consults until 8PM, at which time you sign out to the night float resident. If you are assigned to call on the weekends, you will work from 7am-8pm. Like the weekday, you are not expected to pre-round on the patients. You will meet in the sicu for rounds at 7am. If you take call on Saturday you are expected to come in on Sunday to help with rounds, after you are done with rounds (usually around noon to 1pm) you may signout to the covering team.