

Neuro Guidelines updated 7/02/18

The intent of these guidelines is to assure an excellent educational experience for residents during their Neurology rotation.

Daily educational sessions by the Neurology attending are expected.

There will be 1 or 2 residents assigned to Neuro each month.

It is expected that each resident on the Neurology rotation will have at least 1 week of inpatient General Neurology in addition to inpatient Stroke Neurology (irrespective of vacation time).

The below guidelines are intended as maximums but the overriding principle is that residents should have sufficient clinical experience to gain a foundation in Neurology but should not be overworked or expected to see more patients to make the service run smoothly. Care for patients not able to be seen by the residents is solely the responsibility of the Neurologists.

Individual Resident Patient Census: Each Neuro resident will see a maximum of 4 new consults per day (maximum 2 per half day rounding on Neuro). It is anticipated each resident on Neuro will see 4 follow up patients in the morning before rounds and at most 2 new patients in the morning plus 2 new patients in the afternoon. When time constraints preclude this (such as with Stroke Teams) this number will be reduced.

The Individual Resident Patient Census rule supersedes any other census rules for Neuro.

The TOTAL number of patients seen by the Neurology resident team will be limited:

Days with 1 resident –	8 patients
Days with 2 residents –	14 patients

New patients (consults or admissions) will count toward the daily total

Each resident on Neuro is NEVER to see and write notes on more than 10 patients in a day including follow up patients, new consults, stroke teams and new admissions. This is a DAILY rule – weekdays and weekends. If a resident ever feels this limit will be exceeded they are to contact Dr. Sweet, Dr. Martin or the Chief Resident IMMEDIATELY.

Residents on Neuro round M-F. Residents on Neuro will have at least 2 weekends off per month (4 days off minimum – ACGME rules) though this may be reduced if the resident has a vacation during the month. If there are 2 residents on Neuro and both take vacations, the vacations must be coordinated so both residents are not on vacation at the same time. Each resident on Neuro has 4-5 days off per month. (Days off are reduced to 3 if there is a week of vacation.)

The standard day on the Neuro rotation will be 7am – 5pm. Rarely a Neuro resident will begin the day before 7am but never before 6am. Occasionally a Neuro resident will stay past 5:30 pm but never more than 12.5 hours after the day began and never past 7pm. When the Neuro resident is holding the day pager their day will be 7am – 7pm with the 6:30 – 7 pm time reserved for sign out, not for Neuro.