

Education Program

Patient Care Conferences

Patient Care Conference provide the resident and staff with the opportunity to exchange ideas and philosophies of patient care. They provide the resident with the opportunity to present treatment plans and report on the progress of their active cases. Attending staff is afforded the opportunity to assign and discuss special interest topics, as well as document supervision of clinical care.

Patient Care Conferences are targeted as a monthly activity with adjustments made to meet patient load. Intra-oral camera equipment is available for clinical documentation.

Evidence Based Dentistry and Hospital Dentistry Seminars

Evidence Based Dentistry and Hospital Dentistry seminars acquaint the resident with critical evaluation of the literature. Presented by various staff, a variety of formats are employed. These include text reviews, resident presentations, research literature, and case presentations.

Adjunctive Didactics

The Dental Service employs the services of affiliated programs in the following subject areas:

Endodontics (University of Illinois, Chicago)

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (University of Illinois, Chicago)

General Practice Residency Didactics (Illinois Masonic Medical Center)

Lectures will be scheduled with the Illinois Masonic GPR program and the University of Illinois, Chicago Endodontic and Oral Surgery Departments.

Continuing Education Courses

Opportunities are available to attend outside continuing education courses. Generally, tuition is waived with only a small fee being charged. Funds are not available through the VAMC. Residents are responsible for determining the programs they wish to attend. They then request administrative leave to attend and enroll.

Physical Diagnosis

Starting in early August, the University of Illinois, Chicago Medicine Chief Residents presents a series of seminars based on the Barbara Bates' text "A Guide to Physical Examination." The Physical Diagnosis course is the same course taken by the University of Illinois, Chicago Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residents. Text material is coordinated with demonstration and practice on hospitalized patients. Residents are required to attend these seminars.

CPR

Proficiency in CPR is the foundation of medical emergency management. General Practice Residents are required to be certified in Basic Cardiac Life Support. Certification and re-certification courses are provided at the Jesse Brown VAMC.

Certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support is not required but highly recommended. The course provides an excellent orientation to advanced resuscitative techniques, pharmacology and physiology.

Assessment of Outcomes

Performance based assessments are accomplished throughout the course of the program. Participation, resident evaluations and the administration of standardized tests at the beginning and conclusion of the program are given to evaluate effectiveness. In July of each year members of the teaching team will be invited to a general meeting to evaluate documentation and make recommendations for changes in the program for the ensuing year. This meeting

will be called by the Program Director and an assessment of the program and suggested course for the future will be discussed.