

VUMC Multidisciplinary Surgical Critical Care Service

Primary team to Surgical Critical Care team Handoff Process

Description

This initiative addresses communication between primary teams and the Surgical Critical Care (SCC) team upon patient arrival in the unit.

Purpose

- To standardize the personnel involved and process of relating patient information from primary team to the SCC team.
- To limit variability in patient care.

Handoff Settings Addressed

- Handoff of patient information from primary team to SCC team when
 - o Patient is admitted from OR or PACU.
 - o Patient is transferred from floor
 - o Patient is an emergent transfer to SICU, whether from floor or PACU

Process: OR or PACU to SICU

- Primary team resident (midlevel or above, preferably the operating resident) will provide pertinent clinical information to the SCC Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (ACNP) and/or midlevel resident/fellow.
- This process should take place at the patient's bedside upon arrival to the SICU. If other clinical duties preclude a face to face hand off, then direct phone contact is mandatory.
- Unstable patients in PACU should have pertinent information handed off while the patient is in PACU.
- Primary team attending should contact the SCC attending to provide pertinent patient information and unstable patients in PACU should have pertinent information handed off while the patient is in PACU.

Process: Floor to SICU

- Primary team resident (midlevel or above) contacts the SCC fellow to provide pertinent clinical information. Fellow contact number (615) 479-4082
- SCC fellow passes off information to SCC ACNP and resident.

Process: Emergent transfer to SICU

- Emergent transfer is defined as any patient requiring immediate attention from the SICU team (cardiac arrest, intubation/reintubation, etc.) whether coming from floor or PACU.
- Primary team resident (midlevel or above) will provide pertinent clinical information to SCC midlevel resident/fellow and ACNP at patient's bedside.
- SCC attending will contact primary team attending to inform them of patient condition and inquire about patient's hospital course up to the acute event.

Contact numbers:

SCC Attending	(615) 886-0669
SCC Fellow	(615) 479-4082
SCC ACNP	(615) 752-6234

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