



Pediatric Critical Care Medicine Program Overview

The pediatric critical care medicine fellowship is a three-year training program. We aim to create an environment of scholarship and apprenticeship for the trainee that fosters learning and growth, and promotes the development of empathy, respect, professionalism, scholarly inquiry, clinical excellence, and effective leadership. At the completion of the training our fellows will qualify to take the examination in Pediatric Critical Care Medicine given by the American Board of Pediatrics.

1. Fellow rotations:

a. Clinical rotations:

- i. PICU: Approx 12 months; more possible depending on fellow's needs and preference. Total duration of each fellow's PICU service time will not depend on the total number of fellows in the program.
- ii. Pediatric Cardiovascular ICU (CVICU): 3 months; more may be possible depending on fellow's needs and preference.
- iii. Anesthesia: 1 month.
- iv. Solid Organ Transplant: 1 month, depending on exposure.
- v. Imaging/Sedation: 3 months.

b. Research/Quality Improvement: Approx 12 months; more possible depending on the fellow's needs and progress in research.

c. Vacation: 20 days per year, which may be taken in 1-2 week blocks. Vacation may only be taken during non-clinical months.

d. Conference time: 5 days per year. Conference time may only be taken to attend a CME conference or a similar event, and only during non-clinical months.

E. Unplanned absences or sick days: 3 per year.

2. Fellow coverage of calls:

a. The total number of in-house calls to be taken by PCCM fellows will be approximately 140 over 3 years.

b. The total number of in-house calls to be taken by PCCM fellows will include PICU and Pediatric CVICU calls, but not calls taken on solid organ transplant service or moonlighting calls.

- i. PICU calls and related coverage: During the clinical rotations of PICU, Anesthesia, and Imaging/Sedation, fellows will take 6-7 calls per month, including 4-5 weekday (Monday-Friday) calls and 2 weekend (Saturday) calls. During Research, fellows may be expected to do up to 2 weekend calls. The on-service fellow in the PICU is expected to do 4-5 Wednesday calls and 2 Saturday calls per month. Any deviation from that has to be approved in advance by the program director. In addition to the 6-7 required calls, the fellows on Research, Anesthesia, and Imaging/Sedation will cover the PICU on Thursdays when the on-service fellow is post-call. All schedule requests should be submitted to the

Chief Fellow at least 2 months in advance. The Chief Fellow will then submit the call schedule for the month to the APD and PD for approval. In the absence of such submission, the fellows on PICU will be assigned as above, and the fellows on other clinical rotations will be assigned to weekdays (Monday-Friday) and Saturdays at random, so that each covers 4 weekdays and 2 weekend days per month. If the fellow on service needs to be absent or change calls after the monthly schedule has been finalized, such absence or change needs to be approved in advance and in writing by the program director. Any schedule requests made after it has been finalized must be approved in advance and in writing by the program director.

ii. Pediatric CVICU calls: The exact requirement for CVICU calls to be covered by PCCM fellows rotating in CVICU will be up to Dr. Van Bergen (Pediatric Cardiac Intensivist at Advocate Children's Hospital – Oak Lawn). The approximate number of calls is 7-8 per month. PCCM fellows on CVICU service will not take calls or moonlight in the PICU.

iii. Solid organ transplant calls: PCCM fellows on solid organ transplant service will not take calls or moonlight in the PICU.

iv. Research/QI rotation calls: fellows will cover up to 2 weekend (Saturday) calls in the PICU per month.

c. Due to scheduled weekly PICU didactics on Monday afternoons, fellows will not take a 28-hour call on Sundays, so as to remain in compliance with the duty hour restrictions. Should fellows choose to moonlight on Sunday, they may only do so between 7:30 am – 5:30 pm (day shift) or 5 pm – 7:30 am (night shift). Fellows moonlighting on Sundays will be expected to attend Monday afternoon PICU didactics.

3. Didactic sessions

a. Monday afternoon joint fellow/faculty conferences include Journal Club, Physiology, Morbidity and Mortality, Case Conference, Research Updates, Ultrasound Imaging, and Board Review.

b. Thursday morning fellow-only lectures are attending-led from 8:00a - 9:00a and follow a 3-year curriculum.