

Innovations in Pediatric Hospital Medicine – Evening Hospitalist Program

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How to Provide Overnight Attending Coverage?

- ◆ 24 hour attending shifts
- ◆ Overnight shift
- ◆ Residents with attending telephone backup
- ◆ Evening attending coverage

Evening Hospitalist Program

- ◆ Began September 2009
- ◆ 4 attendings – 1 week each per month
- ◆ Weekdays 4PM to Midnight
- ◆ Weekends 12PM to 10PM

Evening Hospitalist Program

- ◆ Benefits to hospitalist:
 - ◆ Less disruption of sleep cycle
 - ◆ Can transition to daytime schedule
 - ◆ Simpler scheduling
 - ◆ Patient workup and treatment initiated before AM
 - ◆ No “competition” for resident education

Evening Hospitalist Program

- ◆ Benefits to house staff:
 - ◆ Resident autonomy preserved
 - ◆ Hospitalist support during busy hours
 - ◆ Provides opportunities for independence
 - ◆ Night float team gets steady teaching and evaluation from same attending

Evening Hospitalist Program

- ◆ Benefits to hospital:
 - ◆ Patient safety
 - ◆ Condition Help
 - ◆ Discharge facilitation
 - ◆ Less costly?

Evening Hospitalist Program

◆ Roles

- ◆ Admissions
- ◆ Discharge facilitation
- ◆ Informal house staff consults
- ◆ Formal consults
- ◆ Condition Help
- ◆ Phone calls
- ◆ Resident and Medical Student Education

Evening Hospitalist Program

FY	Admit and Obs	D/C fac.	Resident Consult	Formal Consult	Cond. Help	Phone Calls	Teaching Time (mins/eve)
'06	932	1396	672	67	10	750	21.6
'07	1165	1373	719	81	8	843	36.1
'08	1277	2376	838	71	50	923	54.4

QUESTIONS?