

EMERGENCY MEDICINE

UNDERGRADUATE & POSTGRADUATE INFORMATION

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Overview of Rotation

North York General Hospital (NYGH) is a busy community teaching hospital in Toronto. The Emergency Department (ED) provides a full spectrum of emergency services to patients of all ages, including a large pediatric population. The Emergency Physician group is a mix of physicians practicing full time and part time, dedicated to teaching, most with certification in Emergency Medicine and appointments at the University of Toronto.

Schedule

You will be scheduled for *approximately* 16 shifts over a 4 week rotation, including 2-3 overnight shifts and 4 weekend shifts over 2 weekends. Shifts are approximately 8 hours in duration, though you may need to stay longer to complete the management of your patients. You should not be scheduled for overnight shifts before core seminar days, AHD or clinic half days. Any requests for days off (including stat holidays) must be received at least 4 weeks prior to the start of your Emergency Medicine rotation. Any request for 4+ consecutive days off must be accompanied by written and signed approval by your program director. Although every attempt is made, it may not be possible to accommodate all requests. Please note that requests for multiple days off increases the likelihood of having shifts with short turnaround times to accommodate your full complement of shift.

Preceptor Assignment

You will be assigned a preceptor, with whom you will be assigned 4 or more shifts. Your preceptor will compile your daily *Shift Encounter Forms* and will be responsible for completing your final evaluation. The remainder of your shifts will be with a variety of emergency staff physicians.

Trainees are expected to attend the following activities:

- North York Emergency Department Rounds
 - Monday Mornings, twice monthly (September - June)
- Resident/Clerk Rounds
 - Presented by a chosen senior resident on rotation
 - Once per rotation (1 hr)
- Small Group Teaching
 - Presented by an Emergency Staff Physician on a relevant EM topic
 - Once per rotation (1 hr)
- Mock Code Workshop (**Clerk Only**)
 - Facilitated by an Emergency Staff Physician
 - Once per rotation (1.5 hrs)
- Casting Workshop
 - Facilitated by an Orthopedic Tech (with specific training in Emergency Medicine)
 - Once per rotation (1.5 hrs)
- One-on-One Teaching (**Senior Resident Only**)
 - Senior resident are paired with an Emergency Staff Physician for a 1-hour teaching session/discussion on a topic of their choice.

If you are working a shift during these seminars, you should ask to be excused for the period these rounds occur. Attendance at these sessions will be verified.

In addition, trainees are also welcome to attend the University of Toronto Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds on Tuesday mornings, which occur downtown when their schedule permits. Notices for rounds and seminars are posted in the Emergency Department and included in your orientation package.

Assessment

RESIDENTS & ELECTIVE CLERKS

At the end of each shift, the supervising Emergency Physician completes a *Shift Encounter Form* online. A link is available on each desktop in the department. The physician is expected to provide feedback at the end of each shift. All forms must be submitted by the supervising physician as this also verifies shift attendance. Your physician preceptor will collate the forms and use them to assist with your final evaluation.

CORE CLERKS

At the end of each shift, the supervising Emergency Physician completes a *Yellow Encounter Card* (a stack of cards will be provided at the beginning of the rotation). The physician is expected to provide feedback at the end of each shift. All cards must be submitted by the supervising physician as this also verifies shift attendance. Your physician preceptor will collate the cards and use them to assist with your final evaluation.