Rockyview General Hospital Respirology Rotation – Information Sheet

Welcome to the Rockyview General Hospital Respirology Rotation

INPATIENT AND CONSULTATION SERVICE

The Respirology Service consists of both primary inpatients (Unit 94, but in practice, any available hospital bed) and consultations. The attending Respirologist rotates on a weekly basis (Monday 0800 to Monday 0800). Information on which Respirologist is on call can be obtained through ROCA on a monthly basis or by the PA (program administrator).

Monday AM (0800) is sign-over, where the attending Respirologist transfers care of all inpatients and consultations over to the next Attending. If the first Monday of the rotation falls on a statutory holiday, then sign-over will occur on the following Tuesday at 0800.

Therefore, on the first day of your rotation, please arrive on Monday 0800 at RGH, Holy Cross Ambulatory Care building, Main floor (4th). (located in the Pulmonary Function Laboratory area – meet in the back resident room). If the first day of the rotation occurs on a STAT holiday (eg Thanksgiving Monday), then arrive on the following Tuesday AM at 0800, same location.

CALL REQUIREMENTS Residents/Fellows only
(No formal call requirements for clinical clerks)

Pulmonary is Home Call (1 in 4), therefore for a 4 week rotation, you are responsible for providing 7 nights of call - this consists of ONE weekend (= 3 calls nights) and 4 other nights of call. If you are taking 1 week of holidays, your call requirements are downgraded to 5 nights (1 weekend, and 2 nights).

We do not dictate which weekend or nights you choose to do call – you can choose your own schedule, but ensure that you do a minimum of one call per week (space it out over the 3 or 4 weeks). We simply ask you to work it out with your fellow resident(s) at the beginning of the rotation in some equitable fashion and provide the information to the program administrator within the first several days.

If you need to pre-arrange your call nights/weekend well in advance due to specific reason wish to adhere to the PARA guidelines (call schedules to be made 1 week prior to the rotation), contact the program administrator to find out your fellow Resident(s), and then you can work out the scheduling well before the rotation, should you wish.

Remuneration for Call is arranged through the respirology program administrator (PA) – contact information is located on the ‘training program’ webpage http://www.respiratorymedicine.ca/training.htm Please fill out the Resident Call Remuneration Form (on the website, http://www.respiratorymedicine.ca/residents.htm, click on the form and
submit to the PA via fax or email. It will be your responsibility to submit the form within 2 weeks (otherwise you may not get paid!).

It is impossible for the Program Administrator to determine the type of call (i.e. was “home” or “switch”) therefore, you must submit the On-Call remuneration form within two weeks following the rotation. If the Program Administrator has not received this completed form within the allowed time allowed by the Medical Office, the Program Administrator will submit the call as “home” call until such time as he/she receives the completed form. Please note: any forms received after the time allowed by the Medical office, will be sent as a revised submission and will affect the date you will be paid.

Please make your holiday requests 8 weeks prior to the rotation with your Program Director.

CLINICAL CLERKS:

You will be here for a two week rotation on the inpatient service. No call requirements.

ROUNDS:

(a) RGH Respirology Rounds (Holy Cross Conference Room – 4A187 located at the back of the respiratory clinic area) - Tuesdays @ noon. Lunch provided. This is an informal Journal Club. In addition, on selected Tuesdays at noon, approx q8weeks, combined Clinical-Radiologic-Pathology Rounds will take the place of Journal Club. This is located in room 4N29, on the main floor of RGH, next to the information booth

(b) City Wide Respirology Rounds (Robert Johns Lecture Theatre, FMC Radiology Dept in the Special Services Building)) Fridays at 0700 - 0900.
    0700 – 0800: City Wide CXR rounds – clinical cases are presented.
    0800 – 0900, there is usually a Clinical Academic Round (various respirology topics)
    Residents should attend these rounds in person (not via telehealth).

PULMONARY FUNCTION TESTING:

We encourage Residents and Clerks to perform Pulmonary Function testing in the lab – it is useful to know what you are sending your patients for when ordering these tests. You can arrange this with the Pulmonary Function Respiratory Therapists.

BRONCHOSCOPY:

Bronchoscopy is scheduled on:
    Monday afternoons (1230 – 1445) and Thursday mornings (0800 – 1015)
Location: Endoscopy Unit (3rd floor, down the hall from the cafeteria).
Both outpatient and inpatient procedures are performed. Pulmonary Fellows are expected to perform bronchoscopies. Residents are encouraged to observe a bronchoscopy during the rotation. The schedule can be obtained by calling the Endoscopy Suite (403- 943- 3705).
**AMBULATORY CLINICS:** (for Internal Medicine residents)

As part of the 4 week rotation, we offer a ONE week Outpatient Clinic block for all Internal Medicine Residents. For Radiology Residents, optimum experience is gained through the inpatient service.

| MONDAY     | AM      | DR. TSAI |
|           | AM      | DR. CHAN |
|           | PM      | DR. TSAI |
|           | PM      | DR. ROMAN|
| TUESDAY   | AM      | DR. PENDHARKAR|
|           | AM      | DR. TSAI |
|           | PM      | Variable Staff|
| WEDNESDAY | AM      | DR. CHAN |
|           | AM      | DR. ROMAN|
|           | PM      | DR. ROMAN|
| THURSDAY  | AM      | DR. FRASER|
|           | AM      | DR. HULME|
|           | PM      | DR. TSAI |
|           | PM      | DR. CHAN |
| FRIDAY    | AM      | DR. ROMAN|
|           | PM      | DR. ROMAN|

**IM Residents:** please arrange your 1 week block early in the rotation. Call contact numbers EARLY to arrange individual clinics as there is limited availability, particularly for off-site Clinics. We encourage the bulk of your outpatient clinics to be General Respiratory at RGH, supplemented by the off-site Clinics.

**NOTE:** We are unable to provide the 1 week clinic block should you choose to take a week of holidays during the 4 week rotation, as the optimum duration of Inpatient Service is 3 weeks.

The RGH Respirology Outpatient Clinic schedule varies and is subject to change:

**Contact numbers (or speak to the assistants directly):**

Beth – 403-943-8470  
Dr. Sachin Pendharkar  
Dr. Terry Hulme

Linda – 403-943-8664  
Dr. Kristin Fraser

Lynn – 403-943-3475  
Dr. Michael Roman

Deb – 403-943-3283  
Dr. John Chan  
Dr. Willis Tsai
There are also a number of off-site specialty respirology clinics which may be of interest to the internal medicine resident. These include:

- ALS / Neuromuscular
- Bronchiectasis/Cystic Fibrosis
- Lung Transplants
- Tuberculosis
- Allergy and Immunology
- Interstitial Lung Disease
- Pulmonary Hypertension
- Tuberculosis

The full clinic schedule and contact numbers can be found on [http://www.respiratorymedicine.ca/residents.htm](http://www.respiratorymedicine.ca/residents.htm), and click on City Wide Respirology Clinic Schedule. Instructions are included in the document. Call EARLY!

**EVALUATIONS:**
At RGH, we will fill out a single end-of-rotation ITER based on aggregate feedback from all attending Physicians during your rotation. We encourage you to ask for interim feedback from each of your weekly attendings. Your program will dictate how the ITERs are sent (if in doubt, contact your PA).

For Clinical Clerks, please direct your evaluation/ITER to your SECOND week preceptor. For Respiratory Fellows, Dr Chan will distribute the ITER to the appropriate preceptor.

Please do not send electronic requests for evaluations on a week to week basis. We would prefer to fill out ONE evaluation for each resident/clerk for the entire rotation.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON YOUR RESPIROLOGY ROTATION AND HOPE THAT YOU HAVE AN ENJOYABLE AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE!**