

Pediatric Neurology

Pediatric Resident Expectations

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General Expectations

1. Residents rotating through Pediatric Neurology should be accessible by pager generally from 8:00 am– 5:00 pm. On your first day, please ensure that our educational secretary has your pager number.
2. We ask that you notify the education secretary (smitch@mcmaster.ca) on the first day of the rotation regarding any days that you will be away (vacation, conference, exams, etc.) or post-call.
3. On the first day of the rotation, each resident will complete a written quiz that covers some of the important topics in Pediatric Neurology. At the end of the rotation, you will have to opportunity to review your quiz, and make any changes you think appropriate. The answers will then be reviewed in detail with the neurology staff currently on service. **The quiz results will not be used in the resident evaluation.** This is a teaching tool to help show what you have learned during the course of your neurology rotation.
4. Also on the first day of the rotation, you should ensure that you have access to the Pediatric Neurology network drive that contains the patient list. This should be mapped to your Citrix account (<https://accesshhs.hhsc.ca>). Please speak with the educational secretary with regards to this.
5. Residents are expected to attend the following rounds:
 - Pediatric Neurology Teaching – Mondays, 1200-1300, Dr. Callen’s Office (3A52)
 - Pediatric Neurology Trainee Teaching – Wednesdays 0800-0900
 - Brain Hour – Fridays, 0930-1030, Room 3A2
 - Neuroradiology Rounds – Fridays, 1030-1130, Radiology Conference Room
 - Seizure Teaching – Fridays, 1300-1330, Dr. RamachandranNair’s Office (3A54)
6. **Each resident will give a 40 minute presentation on an interesting topic in Pediatric Neurology at Brain Hour.** Presentation dates will be e-mailed to you

prior to starting your rotation. Please contact our educational secretary if you have any questions or concerns. Previous presentations are available on our website. Please let the educational secretary know if you do not want your presentation to be added to those on the website.

7. You will be expected to perform ongoing reading according to your individual learning needs throughout the rotation. This should be guided by the Goals and Objectives of the rotation. Literature searches should also be performed when appropriate for patient needs or as directed by attending neurologist. Review articles and other resource materials are available on the Mac Peds website (http://www.macpeds.com/subs_neuro.htm). The username and password to access the “Presentations” portion of the website is: username – pedsrez, password – kids08. Additional articles are also available in the “Pediatric Neurology Review Articles” folder on the Pediatric Neurology network drive.
8. Please note that the Neurology Residents’ Room (4U17) is available for your use **while you are rotating through Neurology**. Computers and telephones are available in this room. Please speak with the educational secretary to obtain the combination for access.

Inpatient Consults

1. You will be expected to see new inpatient & ER consults as directed by the on-service neurologist. If you do not feel comfortable with the assigned consult, based on your level of training, please inform the attending neurologist.
2. For each consult, you are responsible for both a **written consultation note** as well as a **formal dictation**. These should both be completed within 24 hours of seeing the patient.
3. You are expected to complete and submit any requisition/referral forms required for the patients that you are following. You should ensure that these forms are appropriately sent and received, especially in urgent cases.
4. Patients requiring on-going follow-up should be added to the “Pediatric Neurology Patient List” by the responsible trainee. This list is on a network drive accessible throughout the hospital. You should round on your patient daily and write a progress note in the patient chart. In addition, you are responsible for keeping issues up-to-date on the patient list. If a patient is signed off, their information should be transferred to the “Pediatric Neurology Patient Signed Off List” for future reference.
5. Management protocols for common Pediatric Neurology patient issues (e.g., status epilepticus, myasthenia gravis, ketogenic diet, etc.) are available in the “Protocols” folder on the Pediatric Neurology network drive.

Outpatient Clinics

1. All trainees are expected to attend the half-day clinics on **Monday afternoons and Tuesday mornings**. Inpatient responsibilities should not interfere with attendance, unless directed otherwise by the neurologist on-call. You will see a variety of both new consultations and follow-up patients during these clinics. It is recommended that you observe at least one full neurological exam prior to seeing patients independently (depending on your level of comfort). You should also have a complete observed history and physical examination at some point during your rotation.
2. Attendance at neurology clinics on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons is dependent on the decision of the Pediatric Neurology Staff on-service. If there are outstanding inpatient issues that require attention (as directed by the Pediatric Neurology Staff on-service), these should take precedence over attending clinic. However, if there are no outstanding issues, **residents should attend these clinics**.
3. During the neurology rotation, residents will also attend Pediatric Neurosurgery clinics on **Thursday mornings**, with Drs Singh and Gunnarsson.
4. You are expected to complete and submit any requisition/referral forms required for the patients that you have seen in clinic. Please drop off all forms at the **Team 1** desk. You should ensure that these forms are appropriately sent and received, especially in urgent cases.
5. Dictations on clinic patients should be done within 24 hours of seeing the patient.

Senior Pediatric Residents Rotating Through Neurology

****In addition to the expectations outlined above, the following expectations apply to senior pediatric residents (PGY 3 and above)****

1. As a more senior resident, you will be expected to act as the “Team Senior” if more junior residents or clinical clerks are rotating through neurology. This will entail:
 - organizing the resident team, with regards to inpatient/clinic responsibilities
 - ensuring that the “Pediatric Neurology Inpatient List” is up-to-date
 - teaching of more junior team members when such opportunities arise
2. One week of the four week rotation will be spent attending **Neuromuscular Clinics** with Drs Tarnopolsky and Baker. During this time, you will be relieved of your other neurology related responsibilities.