

Resident Responsibilities – Senior Residents (Regional)

A. In the morning:

1. Arrive between 6-6:30 to begin setting up equipment and drugs for the initial round of blocks.
2. If no intern or junior resident is available, roll the CPS pager over to yours until the junior resident arrives at 10AM
3. Review the OR board (VUH, MCE, TVC) and check for changes from previous night.
4. Review patient indications and contraindications.
5. Determine which patients are appropriate for preoperative versus postoperative blocks.
6. Discuss the plan with the Regional attending.
7. Communicate with the surgical services and the primary anesthesiology attending when appropriate.
8. Facilitate and perform all morning blocks in a timely manner so as not to delay the operating room start times.
9. Assist the junior resident in completing the StarPanel documentation accurately and putting in appropriate orders (particularly for epidural or nerve catheter pumps).
10. Update patient list & sign-out sheet.

B. After the first round of blocks:

1. Review the OR board for upcoming blocks.
2. Check the OR board frequently for case progression and schedule changes.
3. Check patients postoperatively for block efficacy. Consider supplemental “rescue” blocks and discuss with attending when appropriate.

C. At the end of the day:

1. The CPS officially closes at 17:00. Regional anesthesia can still be performed after that time, as long as the anesthesia attending is willing to cover. Patients should be added to the CPS list by the resident performing the procedure.
2. Look up the next day’s cases (VUH, MCE, TVC) and add to the master census list. This will save time the following morning.
3. Discuss the next day’s first cases with the Regional attending if available.
4. Make sure all notes are written and saved in StarPanel.
5. Close and lock both regional carts. Return the key to pharmacy.
6. Follow up on patients in the PACU. Make sure that all epidurals have pumps ordered, and infusion orders in WizOrder.
7. If patients are still in the OR, inform the junior resident, or if necessary the R1 resident, what needs to be done with them (i.e. connecting epidural pump, or post-op check).
8. Complete the sign-out sheet for the junior resident and evening pain nurse.
9. Hand off sign-out sheet and give report to evening pain nurse, and CPS resident.