

Medicine Consultation Residency Curricular Items:

1. Delivery of succinct, complete, organized oral case presentation
2. The ethical principles of consultation including the appropriate role of the consultant vis-a-vis the patient and the primary physician, the function of the consultant and the timeliness of consultation
3. Requesting a consultation: clearly stating the purpose and the questions that need to be answered
4. Collection of a solid database for rendering an opinion as a consultant including review of the chart, obtaining pertinent present history, obtaining pertinent laboratory data and personal review of electrocardiograms and x-rays
5. Consultative decision-making: risk/benefit of the operative procedure for this patient, estimation of well-documented risks in order of magnitude, patient values and desires
6. Writing meaningful consults: observance of clarity, brevity, prioritization and pertinence of information, statement of and reasons for conclusions, and recommendations.
7. Basic knowledge of common post-operative complications and peri-operative prevention and management
8. Preoperative cardiovascular risk stratification using Goldman criteria, invasive and non-invasive testing, and evaluation and post-operative management of CV disease
9. Management of hypertension and hypertensive medications peri-operatively
10. Etiology, complications and management of fluid and electrolyte abnormalities in the peri-operative period
11. Pre-operative, intra-operative, and post-operative evaluation and management of patients with diabetes mellitus, obstructive lung disease, liver and renal disease
12. Peri-operative infections including risks of particular procedures and use of prophylactic antibiotics

13. Common medical complications of psychiatric illness and therapies

14. Complications and principles of management in the pregnant patient with diabetes, asthma, hypertension, cardiac disease and renal disease

15. Obtaining appropriate specialty consultations, discussing the case with appropriate consultants, integrating advice from other consultants and negotiating with other consultants to resolve conflicting suggestions

16. Risk factors for and prophylaxis of venous thrombosis and pulmonary embolism

17. Application of medical evidence from the current literature