

Section on Neonatology

Neonatology Fellowship Rotations Overview

Brenner Children's Hospital Clinical Rotations

1st and 2nd Year:

The experience for the first and second year neonatology fellows at Brenner Children's Hospital focuses on

- Increasing skill in medical decision making
- Gaining proficiency in procedures frequently performed on neonates
- Gaining leadership skills by supervising residents
- Increasing skills as a communicator by interacting with parents, consultant physicians, and other members of the health care team

As the fellow gains confidence and knowledge, she/he is given more responsibility and autonomy. In the 2nd year, the fellow will begin to manage consult calls and arrange transfer via the transport team.

3rd Year:

The major focus of third year rotations in the BCH NICU will be on developing skills as an independent neonatologist. The third year fellow conducts daily rounds on the resident service without the attending neonatologist.

After rounds, she/he discusses all patients with the attending.

Forsyth Medical Center (FMC) Clinical Rotations

1st Year:

The experience for first year neonatology fellows at Forsyth Medical Center (FMC) focuses on attendance at deliveries

- Resuscitation
- Admission of neonates to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)
- Performance of procedures associated with admission
- Participation in morning Maternal-Fetal Medicine rounds
- Performance of obstetric consultations

2nd Year:

The experience for the second year fellow focuses on gaining clinical experience by participation in rounds on one of two clinical services. Responsibilities of the second year fellow includes attendance at deliveries less than 28 weeks gestation or in deliveries at which there is a high likelihood of

- The need for significant resuscitation
- Participation in morning Maternal-Fetal Medicine rounds
- The performance of obstetric consultations

3rd Year:

The major focus of third year rotations in the FMC NICU will be on developing skills as an independent neonatologist. The third year fellow conducts daily rounds without the attending neonatologist. After rounds, she/he discusses all patients with the attending. Responsibilities of the third year fellow includes attendance at deliveries less than 28 weeks gestation or in deliveries at which there is a high likelihood of

- The need for significant resuscitation
- Participation in morning Maternal-Fetal Medicine rounds
- The performance of obstetric consultations after the rounding process has been completed

Developing skills in the administrative aspects of neonatology is a focus during third year rotations. Fellows learn medical and procedural coding as well as the process of billing for services. They participate in regularly scheduled administrative meetings such as monthly NICU Joint Practice, weekly NICU Administrative Meetings, and the meetings of the Best Practices Committee.