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SCOPE OF PRACTICE

PGY-4 – PGY-6

PGY-4

- Spends eight months on the Hematology/ Oncology (Hem/Onc) inpatient service at Medical University Hospital (MUH) and makes decisions regarding diagnostic and therapeutic management as his or her knowledge and experience permit.
- Preparation, or supervision thereof, of a written admission history and physical examination and daily progress notes is required for all patients.
- Assume duties of entering patients into clinical trials, obtaining informed consent for treatment, and writing all chemotherapy orders and discussing them with the housestaff and nurses.
- Fellows round every morning with the attending physician and the housestaff team.
- During their four months on the Hem/ Onc MUH/CMH Consultation Service, first year fellows are responsible for the evaluation of the MUH and CMH inpatients for which hem/onc consultation have been requested. In collaboration with the supervising attending physician, the consult report for the patient's chart, and communicates otherwise with the requesting physician(s) as appropriate. The consult patient requires a hem/onc procedure, the consult fellow is responsible for coordination and performing the procedure, the consult fellow is responsible for coordinating and performing the procedure and visualizing, interpreting, and communicating the results (all as supervised by the attending physician).
- First year fellows have two longitudinal clinics weekly in which they must participate for the duration of their training. Each fellow is assigned a permanent faculty supervisor for each clinic.
- Fellows have continuing responsibility for patients in their longitudinal clinics at the Hollings Cancer Center and serve as the primary physician whenever possible. Fellows' responsibilities for outpatient care include initial and follow-up evaluations, development and treatment recommendations. Fellows implement diagnostic and treatment plans after discussion with and approval by the attending physicians.

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- Night, weekend, and holiday on-call coverage for Division patients and for emergency consultations are the responsibility of an attending physician and first year fellow.

PGY-5

- Each second year fellow in the Division of Hematology/ Oncology spends four months on the Hem/Onc inpatient/ consultation service at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center with responsibilities similar to those of the first year fellow assigned to the inpatient and consult services at MUH.
- Rounds are made daily with the Division attending physician, and supervised care is provided for Division inpatients and for inpatient consultation patients.
- Second year fellows also have four-month participation in the Bone Marrow Transplant clinic where transplant evaluations and follow-up care are provided.
- Required second year rotations leave four months available for a variety of elective clinical rotations on research projects which are to include Radiation Oncology, Gynecologic Oncology non operative, Urologic Oncology (non-operative), Pediatric Hem/ Onc, Pathology, and Laboratory Medicine (General Hematology, Hematopathology, Coagulation, Clinical Flow Cytometry, Immunopathology, Blood Banking and Apheresis), Subspecialty Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, ENT Oncology (non-operative), and Dermatologic Oncology.
- Within their first two years of training, fellows are expected to complete an approved research project. In certain cases, up to 3 months of protected time for research can be arranged.
- Training in the management of ambulatory cancer patients continues throughout the second fellowship year; they continue to participate in weekly longitudinal clinics.
- The PGY-4 MUH consult fellow and PGY-5 VA and elective fellows also participate in the weekly non-longitudinal VA Hem/Onc Clinic. Fellows' responsibilities are essentially the same as in the longitudinal clinics except that the VA fellow is expected to handle matters of

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post-encounter care (e.g., following up on diagnostic tests). The VA fellow has certain administrative responsibilities for this clinic (e.g., planning the assignment of patients to available fellows and other trainees).

PGY-6

- A third year training in hematology is available to fellows who have completed the requirements for board certification in medical oncology.
- Third year fellows develop a more concentrated research experience.
- Continuation of ambulatory continuity care responsibilities in 1 full-day clinic per week.
- Third year fellows complete additional elective clinical rotations, if desired.
- Serves as senior administrative fellow for a portion of the year, in rotation with other senior fellows.
- Provides orientation for junior fellows.