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## Emergency Medicine Elective Rotation

### **Barton Memorial Hospital Emergency Department:**

Barton Hospital is a Level III Trauma designation with an annual census of 22,000 and 13 beds. There is a large variety in volume and pathology with seasonal fluctuations and tourist economy. Summer and winter are high volumes of trauma (particularly Orthopedic trauma) and medical patients from out of town.

### **Resident Responsibilities:**

Resident is responsible for documentation on patients seen in the ED and Ski Clinics. Residents will be responsible for presenting one didactic during their rotation, it can be a topic of your choice, a journal club article or case presentation.

### **Role in the Emergency Department:**

Patients are seen in order or as assigned. The resident will see all types of patients who present to get a feel for the breath of responsibilities of a community ER.

The resident will initiate diagnostic and therapeutic plan on their own and then discuss with their attending prior to implementing of orders. Resident must act fast and accurate while providing patients modern, high quality, competent and compassionate care and emphasizing the patient care experience. The resident will operate semi-independently as a 'junior attending'.

The degree with which the attending is comfortable with the resident doing all procedures may vary depending on the resident, the attending and the clinical scenario. Procedural competence in a rural community ED with minimal backup, especially in orthopedic procedures will be essential.

The goal for the resident is to receive exposure to patient types and disorders, which are unique to our facility. Specific examples include: Cardiac patients, such as AMI/STEMI with closest available PCI is over 60 minutes away. Many patients are thrombolysed here along with acute presentations of ischemic stroke with no neurology backup, critically ill adults and pediatrics, orthopedic trauma, as well as caring for a wide variety of variable acuity simultaneously, including many patients with limited access to health care and myriad of chronic illnesses.

Residents will gain real world experience in balancing efficiency and accuracy in clinical medicine, documentation and billing, and what its like to live and work in a small community. Our attendings hold many administrative and clinical leadership positions in the hospital as well as the community and work very closely with our colleagues and facility to ensure quality and safety for our patients.

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### **Learning Objectives:**

We work closely with the attending staff in a single coverage environment; the resident has an opportunity for a higher level of relative independent practice, yet has the undivided attention of a large, enthusiastic clinical faculty. Supervisory attending staff will focus on assessing higher level skills, such as decision making in both high acuity complex medical problems and low acuity common complaints, interpersonal abilities and communication and professionalism and the residents preparedness for the independent practice of Emergency Medicine.

The education goal of this rotation is to optimize the exposure to rich clinical experiences and fully develop all core competencies.

You will be exposed to the complexities of owning and operating a private practice, above and beyond delivering clinical care. Contract negotiations and maintenance with the hospital health care system, payer and insurance companies, managing finances and payment strategies, doing schedules, malpractice negotiations, retirement, health and dental care to just name a few.

### **Schedule:**

Most rotations are four weeks long with approximately 14-15 shifts and two week rotations will work 7-8 shifts. In the winter, extra shifts are required at the local ski clinic. These busier shifts are required to enrich your experience, particularly weekend shifts at the ski clinics in the winter.

### **Ski Clinics:**

Heavenly, Kirkwood and Sierra at Tahoe ski resorts have medical clinics at the base of each resort. High volume of orthopedic trauma and procedural experience are the mainstay of these clinics. Initial evaluation, stabilization and transfer to the appropriate medical facility is crucial in this fast paced environment. Ground ambulance and care flight helicopters are the means to transport patients. Weather plays a huge role in these transfers.

### **Evaluations:**

You will be evaluated by your preceptor with the evaluation form provided by your residency program

### **Clinical Hours:**

ACGME Clinical Hour requirements apply to this elective rotation.

### **Moonlighting**

No moonlighting is permitted during your EM rotation.



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