

CDU APP Shift Outline: 9am-9pm

Throughout the shift

- First call for any CDU patient needs or concerns
 - C-side attending as back up for any questions
- Ensure med rec and CDU orders are complete on any patient admitted to the CDU throughout the day
 - Resident/attending/APP in department is responsible for initial evaluation, note, and initial call to consultant if applicable
- Accept BFC transfers for imaging or consultation that go directly to CDU, and when patients arrive evaluate and initiate plan.

9am-11am

- Check on all CDU patients
- Write daily CDU progress note or discharge note for each patient
- Discharge and arrange follow up as needed
 - CDU discharge checklist
 - Communication to PCP
 - Medication reconciliation and prescriptions

11am-7pm

Note that this start time may be earlier if care of CDU patients is completed before 11AM, or later if care of CDU patients requires additional time. In these cases CDU APP and charge nurse must communicate to adjust time.

- Assist with ED patient management by:
 - Fast track of **level 4 and 5** patients in CDU if nursing and bed space is available
 - Fast track/initiate evaluation at triage
 - Level 3 patients may be seen and evaluated by the APP in the CDU **IF** there is discussion between charge or triage nursing and the APP and **agreement** that it is appropriate to see and treat that patient in the CDU.
 - **Communication is critical.** Every day is different in the ED, and frequent check ins between the CDU APP, nursing staff, and if needed the CK attending is expected in order to ensure safe care of appropriate patients.
 - **The CK attending is a resource to assist with evaluating the state of the department and managing the role of the CDU APP.**
- Follow up calls to CDU and discharged patients from past 48 hrs

7pm-9pm

- Check lab/study results, consultant recommendations
- Revisit CDU patients to “tuck in” for the night
 - Ensure orders and daily home meds are complete
- Write ED sign out tabs with plan

- Sign out CDU patients to the 8pm-4am attending