

Lutheran ER Rotation

Hours/Locations

Work eighteen 10 hour shifts, check www.amion.com (password: tsan) to see your schedule (there is also an iPhone app). Location is Lutheran ER (55th & 2nd off the N,R train) find an attending and meet in the ER offices.

Attire

Scrubs

Responsibilities

Lutheran is divided into 4 teams (purple, orange, blue, green) plus peds. An attending runs each team and the triage nurse assigns patients to the teams as the shift progresses and lists enlarge. For your 10 hour shift, you and an attending manage their list. Attendings can run their teams without you, so responsibilities vary shift to shift.

The ER is divided into 3 areas (A,B,N) plus trauma 1 (critical) and trauma 2 (ortho). A is for critical patients

Lutheran wants you to have procedures. If another team's attending is doing a lumbar puncture (chest tube, etc), often they will come offer you the chance to do it. If not, you can always ask. Keep your eyes out for procedures. If you see a pt in the ortho room, get the MRN, do the conscious sedation, set the fracture, log it and learn it.

Labs & Orders:

This bears a separate section, as it is different. In academia, KCH, we only order labs to make decisions, but in the community, Lutheran, they order labs and tests for payment. Do not be surprised if a viral URI sent from clinic over concern for chest pain gets a full troponin rule out. Leadership pushes attendings to click on "Order sets".

Tips/Helpful Stuff

- First shift, track down IT for a password. It attaches to your badge, which you tap on the computers to log in.
- At start of shift, get your zone phone, call your team to determine your attending and log onto their list to see pts.
- EMR's dashboard keeps track of labs, EKG, meds, etc. Red – not done, Yellow – acknowledged, Green – done.
- Nurses are professional and for the most part care. Generally, things will go from Red to Green w/o hassle.
- Notes must be saved and will not auto-save. Put at least 8 pertinent positives and negatives into ROS. After this, each section of the EMR needs to have 2 clicks (e.g. "NCAT" + "EOMI" for HEENT) for a complete note.
- Attending competency (and trust in you) can vary dramatically. One shift, attendings may redo every lab you order and rewrite every note. The next shift, one may sit and let you run the entire room by yourself.
- For critical patients, the triage nurse calls your attendings phone, get there quickly. For less critical patients, it is useful to check "Patient Record" for recent ER visits, pertinent medical history, etc. prior to seeing the patient.
- The cafeteria is right next to the ER. Attendings expect you to take 20-30 minutes for lunch/dinner, etc.
- After your shift, you have (1) attendance sheet, (2) evaluation form that you should give to your attending.