

At Home Call

Each day there is one fellow on call, for consults, the CCU, and for emergency echocardiograms and cardiac catheterizations. We have a tiered call system. For July and August, first year fellows will have a second or third year fellow assigned as back up. After this time, there is no formal back up, but the senior fellows will ensure that someone will always be available for assistance. (The 467-5555 pager serves as the on call beeper; there is a cellular phone in the fellowship office that is also for the on-call fellow.)

A.) Responsibilities - The on-call fellow collects the “Cardiology” pager at 5 PM. All calls for consults and emergent echoes are routed through this pager. In addition, the answering service (315-433-6027) will direct all calls from UHCC Cardiology patients to the on-call fellow. Call lasts until 7 - 7:30 AM the next morning. Weekend call starts Friday at 5 PM and ends Monday morning at 7 AM. The weekend fellow also rounds in the CCU on Sunday to insure patients are seen. Call is taken from home; this is a privilege. If there is any question about the patient, the presentation, the capabilities of the house staff, etc., come in and see the patient.

The consult pager should always be passed from fellow to fellow. It should never be given to a resident, left in a mailbox, etc.

Beepers are to be turned on by 7 am each morning. It is preferable that they be left on at all times, in case you are beeped in error.

Professionalism: When you return a page and you are not the fellow that is being sought, please take the time and find out who the fellow is that should be contacted (ie. Cath Fellow, Clinical Fellow etc).

Hand off Policy

i. UH Consult

When a patient is seen either on consults or on call, the fellow will document this in EPIC.

- In EPIC right click on the patient name and add yourself to the patient’s care team.
- These patient’s will be listed in the ‘all my patients’ tab.
The fellow will print the list and give it to the person they are signing out to.
Pertinent details and things to be followed up on will be noted on the list.

ii. UH CCU

For the CCU, the fellow will pull the list of the patients showing under the attending and print that list and hand it over to the oncoming fellow, with pertinent details and things to be followed up on.

iii. VA Clinical

The VA consult fellow maintains a paper list. The list is discussed with the on call fellow. In the morning, the on call fellow hands off the list to the VA Clinical fellow with an update.