



# TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER Paul L. Foster School of Medicine™

## Third Year Medical Student Rotation in the Nurseries

### **WELCOME!!!**

The following are guidelines to maximize your education about the well newborn and common diseases in the newborn. The nursery areas are a combination of the Well Baby Nursery (WBN) and the Special Care Nursery (SCN) made up of the level 3 nursery (ICN) and the level 2 Intermediate Care Nursery (IMCN). During this rotation you are still required to attend morning report with the Ward Team from 8:00-8:30 AM on Mondays and Thursdays, as well as Small Group on Fridays.

### **Day 1 and 2: WBN**

The first two days of your 2 week rotation will be your newborn nursery experience. The first day you will report to the 3<sup>rd</sup> year pediatric teaching resident or newborn interns at 0700. This is where you will learn the newborn exam, newborn care, newborn assessment skills and get checked off on the attached Graded Clinical Observation by anyone of the following: pediatric newborn attending, neonatology faculty (if in SCN), or the 3<sup>rd</sup> year pediatric teaching resident. Each day in the nursery/SCN rotation you are to do 2 well baby exams and 2 well baby exams each night on call. The pediatricians, neonatologists, physician assistants, NNP and senior residents are here to answer questions and clarify information as well as demonstrate or observe practice exams, and facilitate learning.

### **Days 3-14: SCN**

Your day will be from 7:00-5:00 Monday through Friday. The 3<sup>rd</sup> year pediatric teaching resident will begin your orientation to SCN and give an overview of the curriculum. Each student will follow 1-2 patients assigned by the teaching resident. These will be **IMCN infants only**. You should have infants with a spectrum of common illnesses as follows: Respiratory distress (TTN, meconium aspiration, and pneumonia), Trisomy 21, Suspected Sepsis, Hyperbilirubinemia, Hypoglycemia, an Infant of a diabetic mom, and/or polycythemia. After your first day of orientation you should evaluate your patient and discuss the patient with the resident taking care of the patient. Once you have completed this assessment

then go over the assessment and plan with the teaching resident and write a complete progress note in SOAP format on the blue progress notes. Submit these progress notes directly to your attending so they may review them -- the earlier the better.

**You are responsible for one formal H&P during your rotation. Submit it to Lourdes by the first half of the second week of your rotation (second Monday – Wednesday) after starting your NBN/SCN rotation. *Five points will be taken off for every day it is late.* We will return it to you 24-48 hours after we receive it. This allows time to discuss it with you if there are questions or problems. All revisions need to be turned back in to Lourdes no later than the Friday of the same week.** It is important for the problem list to be complete. The diagnoses and assessments should have differentials. There should also be well thought out explanations for all treatments and tests. Please include parental education which includes the specifics about what you tell the family about the case. We will go over your progress notes and give feedback. If you show your notes to the faculty early on during the rotation, they can review them so that the final product after formative critique is high quality. It would benefit you to have them accurate, organized and complete. We do not want you presenting Site of Care or computerized notes as they do not facilitate learning to organize data for presentation. We present in a system/problem oriented method (SOAP – Subjective information, Objective information, Assessment and Plan).

You are excused to attend morning report and all lectures. Please be present in the afternoons so that at 4:30-5:00 PM you may check your patients out to the on call team. Your information is frequently very important to the care of your infants.

You will take 2 night calls in the Nursery (one week night and a 24 hour Saturday call). When you are on call at night you will take call on the floor in the SCN resident's call rooms. Please accompany the pediatric intern/resident to the end of your night-call (10:00 PM during the week and 7:00 AM on Sunday morning). This will allow you to attend all the deliveries that occur during your call as well as the consults that the senior resident does in L&D and the newborn calls the intern attends to maximize your education.

**Items due by the last day of the rotation:**

- Nursery History & Physical
- Graded Clinical Observation - Nursery