

**INOVA HEALTH SYSTEM
INOVA FAIRFAX HOSPITAL**

Position Title: Cardiac Critical Care Service (CCCS) House Physician

Department: Medicine

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QUALIFICATIONS:

- Licensed to practice medicine in the state of Virginia
- Have a Virginia DEA number
- Coronary care unit / cardiology ICU experience as a PGY2 or above is required
- BLS/ACLS certified
- Credentialed by the INOVA Health System as a House Physician. Does not have admitting or discharging privileges.

POSITION SUMMARY:

CCCS House Physicians are MDs who have completed at least two years of residency. Most of the CCCS House Physicians are attending level MDs who have completed residency and are in a fellowship training program (preferably in cardiology and others in pulmonary/critical care). CCCS MDs are employed on a prn basis at an hourly rate to assist with critical patient care in the CCU during the evenings, nights, and weekends. CCCS House Physicians admit/discharge in conjunction with an admitting physician of record. CCCS House Physicians are NOT allowed to be the cardiovascular attending of record, to admit or discharge patients, or perform specialized surgical procedures.

PRINCIPLE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Patient Care, Policies, Procedures, and Admission Criteria: Adheres to patient care and admission criteria policies and procedures of the Department of Medicine. CCCS House Physicians are NOT allowed to admit or discharge patients or perform specialized surgical procedures.

Physician Coverage and Responsibilities:

- Serves as CCCS House Physician in accordance with a published schedule for night and weekend coverage. All shifts must be confirmed by the Chief Medical Resident. Once a shift is assigned, it becomes the responsibility of the physician to be present during the assigned hours. Failure to report for **one** shift is cause for termination. Switches ahead of time are permitted so long as the Chief Medical Resident is notified and acknowledges the change in scheduling. If a late arrival is unavoidable, the Chief Resident pager 61100 (from outside 703-889-2280) must be contacted to inform the necessary parties involved.

- Schedule:
Monday through Thursday: 7PM to 7AM
Friday: 7PM to 8AM

Saturday: 8AM to 8AM

Sunday: 8AM to 7AM

- Approval from the physician's residency program director must be obtained prior to hire.
- It is the responsibility of each physician to ensure that his or her moonlighting hours are part of the ACGME requirements about work hour duties (e.g. 80 hours per week, 24 hour limit on continuous duty with 6 hours added for transition of care, and a 10 hour rest between duty periods).
- The physician CANNOT be doing a second moonlighting shift while he is working as the CCCS House Physician. There is **no exception** to this rule.
- Physicians must agree to abide by the code of conduct as set out by the Inova Medical Staff Office.

Patient Care Responsibilities:

- Provides direct hands-on care to patients within the limits of credentials granted by the Medical Staff of Inova Fairfax Hospital in recognition of advanced training and experience in this field.
- Participates and assists in the medical management of CCU patients by seeing and examining all new admissions to the CCU in conjunction with the on call house officer (intern or resident).
- It is expected that the CCCS house physician will review teaching and management points with the on-call housestaff in person.
- CCCS House Physician is responsible for contacting the admitting attending/cardiologist to review the plan of care after evaluating the patient.
- CCCS House Physician will be available for bedside consultation and active patient management with all housestaff concerning any patient management issues. If the housestaff asks the CCCS to physically see a CCU team patient, the CCCS must do so.
- In conjunction with the attending physician, the CCCS house physician will evaluate critically ill patients on the floor or in the Emergency Department.
- CCCS House Physicians are **required** to do nightly bedside rounds with the on-call housestaff at 10-11PM. This is a chance to review every patient in the CCU and gives a formal opportunity for the housestaff to ask questions. Please contact the housestaff upon arrival to set up a time for evening rounds.
- CCCS House Physician will be first responder to acute issues that come up with CPOU patients
- **CCCS House Physicians need to be available and respond willingly to inquiries from the on-call housestaff at ANY and ALL times**
- The CCCS House Physician is now **required** to write an addendum note to any patient admitted to the CCU by the intern on call. For example: "Patient seen and examined by me. Agree with assessment and plan as documented by Dr. Smith. Plan discussed with attending, Dr. Haddad."
- If it is confirmed that the aforementioned requirements are not being fulfilled at any time, we reserve the right to decrease or completely discontinue allowing specific CCCS house physician's from attaining shifts.

Under the supervision of the attending physician, CCCS House Physicians perform the following:

- Direct MSETs and all emergencies throughout Inova Heart & Vascular Institute.
- Manage patients in conjunction with the attending during acute changes in patients' conditions.
- Review, evaluate and document findings in the medical record and/or appropriate consultation of all admissions to the CCU.
- Provide on-site consultation and direction to the housestaff and other members of the clinical team.
- Insert lines and perform other invasive procedures as needed
- Will assist with triaging in the CCU when bed capacity issues arise.
- Pronouncement of patient deaths in the CCU
- Emergency Department consultation. If the CCCS needs to leave the IHVI to evaluate a possible CCU admission in the ED, he/she should notify the House Physician that he/she may need to be the 1st responder to codes in the IVHI during that brief time.

Reporting Relationships:

- Reports to Chief Medical Residents for administrative issues and to the CCCS Attendings and/or Chief Medical Residents for clinical issues.
- CCCS House Physicians will have quarterly formal evaluations performed by the IFH Department of Medicine. This will allow the Department to review policies and specific issues in a timely fashion, as well as ensure quality patient care.