

Welcome to Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) and your pediatric clerkship. This will serve as your guide for your time in the PICU.

Expectations for your time in the PICU

Your time will be spent learning to care for critically ill and/or injured children in the PICU. The PICU is located on the 5th floor of the Carol Jo Vecchie Building. The dress code is professional attire or scrubs. For morning shifts, you should arrive by 6:30 AM so that you can hear resident sign out and learn about overnight events and new patients. If you have interest in doing evening shifts, you should discuss this with one of the intensivists. You will meet with the attending on the first day to discuss which patients you will be covering. The residents can also help on subsequent days to determine which new patients to pick up. Depending on the patient census and their complexity, you may follow 1-3 patients.

Rounds start at 9:00 AM and you should have pre-rounded on your patients by that time and started your daily progress notes. We use standardized rounding templates in the PICU to facilitate organized and appropriately detailed communication of pertinent patient information on rounds. This can be obtained from the pediatric resident. Remember to follow up on lab results or tests that may come back during the day and check on your patients throughout the day to assess their progress towards the goals stated on rounds. You will likely attend pediatric trauma resuscitations in the ER and pediatric sedations. You should plan to attend Resident morning report on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. You will also attend pediatric grand rounds on Thursday mornings.

You are encouraged to refer to the resources provided on the Y3 pediatric online curriculum. Your attending may provide didactic lectures and bedside teaching. You should also take the time to learn from the other valuable members of the team including pharmacy, nursing, respiratory therapy and dietary. Some of the most common diagnoses in the PICU include: status asthmaticus, diabetic ketoacidosis, ingestions/poisonings, status epilepticus, septic shock, burns, bronchiolitis, respiratory failure and traumatic injuries. You may be asked to prepare for didactic sessions on these topics.

If there is something you are unsure about, please ask questions. The nursing staff is very experienced and can usually help you with what you should or should not be doing. The residents and attendings are also all wanting to make sure you have the best possible experience on your rotation in the PICU.

We look forward to working with you!

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Attending Biographies

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Dr. Capriolo is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Critical Care Medicine. She attended medical school at Universidad Mayor de San Simon in Bolivia (2004). She completed her residency in pediatrics at SIU (2009) and fellowship in critical care medicine at Medical College of Wisconsin Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee (2012). She is the division chief of the critical care division and co-medical director of the PICU.

Bryan Combs, MD



Dr. Coombs is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Critical Care Medicine. He attended medical school at the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine (2016). He completed his residency in pediatrics (2019) and a fellowship in pediatric critical care medicine (2022) at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland, OH.

Ryan Majcina, MD



Dr. Majcina is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Critical Care Medicine. He attended medical school at SIU School of Medicine (2006). He completed his residency in pediatrics at Johns Hopkins Hospital (2009) and fellowship in critical care medicine at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis (2013). He is co-medical director of the PICU.

Kimberly Powell, MD



Dr. Powell is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Critical Care Medicine. She attended medical school at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine (2008). She completed her residency in pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (2011) and fellowship in critical care medicine at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis (2016).

Kendra Woods, MD



Dr. Woods is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Critical Care Medicine. She attended medical school at SIU School of Medicine (2010). She completed her residency in pediatrics (2013), chief resident year (2014), and a fellowship in pediatric critical care medicine (2017) all at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, PA. She is the PICU rotation director for pediatric residents.