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MEMORANDUM

To: PICU Division, PICU Nursing, PICU Respiratory Therapy

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RE: Standardizing start time and nursing responsibilities for PICU morning work rounds
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Initiative: Standardize start times, and roles and responsibilities of team members during nursing led work rounds.

Goal: Promote a more cohesive and consistent experience for the entire PICU team during work rounds.

Start time for work rounds

*PICU activities such as admissions, emergencies, procedures, trauma rounds, and other factors can affect the start time for work rounds.

- Trauma and ECMO rounds begin at 730 am
- PICU work rounds will begin at 0800 and should ideally be completed by 1100 am
 - Rounds may start with any unstable patients or patients requiring early transfer or discharge
- The PICU team composed of physicians, nursing, extenders, respiratory therapy, are expected to be present when PICU work rounds start at 0800 each day (0730 for trauma and ECMO rounds)
- Pharmacy, dietary, social work, and other ancillary services with other commitments should join rounds when available.

Roles and responsibilities

- Residents and extenders should examine patients prior to rounds
- Residents and extenders will provide a brief overview of the patient, and significant events overnight.
- PICU nursing presents vital signs, systems data such as ventilator settings (in the absence of respiratory therapy), inotropes, medications, labs, I's and O's, lines, tubes and drains, nutrition, and other pertinent nursing related issues.
- Respiratory therapy presents invasive ventilator settings, NIV settings, and additional information such as treatments and other respiratory related issues.
- Residents and extenders present physical examination findings.
 - PICU nursing can add their findings if the examination has changed since the last physical evaluation.
- Residents and extenders present plans for the day.
- Additional input from pharmacy, dietary, social work, and ancillary services.
- Summary of plans for the day.

*Families should be invited and encouraged to participate in morning work rounds