DESCRIPTION OF CONFERENCES AND RULES FOR CONFERENCE

All conferences are part of the residents’ educational experience and all have mandatory attendance. Any resident who does not attend the conferences should have prior approval from the faculty conducting the conference. Repetitive absence or tardiness without prior permission will result in disciplinary action. Attendance at these conferences must be documented according to the ACGME requirements. Residents must sign in as they arrive at each conference. The URO-4 resident at the University service is responsible for having the sign-in sheet available at the beginning of every conference as well as assuring that everyone present signs in.

There will be no scrubs allowed at any conferences. No exceptions.

Description of each of the various conferences:

**Chairman’s Interdisciplinary Conference:** Each Friday except last Friday of month 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. at academic office. Conference leader is Dr. Robert Wake, Chairman of the Department of Urology.

All urology faculty, residents and occasionally volunteer clinical faculty attend this excellent conference. In addition, the conference is attended by individuals (fellows and faculty) from medical oncology, uro-radiology, and occasionally other specialties depending on the case presentation. The conference is structured as an educational assessment tool of the residents. It occurs in the form of a case presentation. The resident assigned to present the case describes the chief complaint, along with a complete history & physical exam. Other residents are then called on in an oral exam format. These residents must ask questions concerning the patient and then determine a course of action to establish a differential diagnosis. They ask for x-ray and laboratory evaluations which will be provided. They must interpret all of the information, establish the diagnosis and then develop a treatment plan. Dr. Wake and other faculty will quiz the resident and evaluate his or her performance. Once this is completed then the original presenting resident gives a 15-30 minute summary of the case which includes a literature review on the subject. Each faculty member then comments on the case and any resident questions are answered. CME credits will be awarded with attendance.

**Combined M&M:** 1st Friday of each month 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. at academic office. Conference leader is Dr. Anthony L. Patterson.

The residents turn in a comprehensive list of potential M&M candidates from all urology residency training sites. Presentations are made by the residents, critiqued by Dr. Patterson and other faculty in attendance, and then summarized by Dr. Patterson. Topics of the M&M conferences are maintained in the departmental files, and each resident keeps records of their own M&M cases in their resident portfolio. The resident evaluation occurs as a chart stimulated recall format. CME credits will be awarded with attendance.

**Practice Management:** 1st Friday of each month 12:00 noon at Coleman Research Building with broadcast to LeBonheur Hospital and Methodist Hospital.

This conference is a Systems Based Lecture scheduled by the General Medical Education office at The University of Tennessee for all residents on campus. All residents are encouraged to attend. Topics from invited speakers range from Communication skills, HIPAA, Managed Care, Malpractice issues, Contracts, Investment and Tax Strategies.
Uro-Radiology: 2nd Friday of each month 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. at academic office. Conference leader is Dr. Chris Ledbetter.

This conference is attended by all residents and utilizes a combination of clinically current urological images of actual case presentations, as well as a teaching data bank of representative x-rays including IVP's, Renal/scrotal ultrasounds, CT scans, MRI and isotopic studies. The residents’ skills are tested periodically with both written and oral exams. Their education in this area is also supplemented with CD/DVD-Rom programs and Pollack's uro-radiological text books available in the residents' library at the 910 Madison academic office. CME credits will be awarded with attendance.

Pediatric Conference: 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. at LeBonheur Children's Hospital. Conference leader is Dr. Dana Giel.

This mandatory conference is held bi-monthly and is an interdisciplinary conference consisting of case presentations and didactic sessions on various pediatric urology topics. The conference is also attended by pediatric nephrology and radiology faculty and residents.

Journal Club: 3rd Thursday of each month 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at academic office vs off campus (site to be announced). Conference leader is Dr. Robert Wake.

Journal Club is a critical review of selected urology journal articles from various sources including the Journal of Urology, Gold Journal, and various other subspecialty journals. A different faculty member and the chief residents (URO-4) are assigned on a rotational basis by Dr. Wake to select the articles for Journal Club and lead the discussion. This is a mandatory conference attended by all residents and faculty. CME credits will be awarded with attendance.

Uro-Pathology: 4th Wednesday of each month 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. at academic office. Conference leader is Dr. Charles Handorf, Chairman of the Department of Pathology, University of Tennessee.

This required monthly conference is led by an assigned uropathologist. Each session is dedicated to an organ system emphasizing the histologic characteristics of benign and malignant disease of the system under discussion. In general, by the end of the year all aspects of uro-pathology have been reviewed. Dr. Robert Wake is responsible for scheduling the pathologist who usually conducts the conference. This is done on a rotational basis with the Chairman of Pathology conducting the majority of the sessions.

GU Tumor Board Conference: 4th Tuesday of each month 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at West Clinic.

This monthly multidisciplinary conference chaired by Dr. Lynn Patterson (UT Department of Urology) and Dr. Brad Somers (West Clinic). GU Tumor board Conference provides a forum for discussion and formulation of multi-disciplinary treatment plans for urological oncology patients, recommendation of their enrollment in clinical trials if appropriate and didactic teaching of urology residents in the evaluation and management of urological oncology patients. The patient mix is drawn from the university service and the referral base of the Department of Urology and West Clinic.

Urology Grand Rounds: Last Friday of each month 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. at academic office.

This monthly conference is held in our academic office and it is led by a faculty member. With faculty supervision, residents select a topic for presentation for this conference. The resident is responsible for an extensive literature search and review of the topic. A lecture including slides and video is then presented by the resident. Invited guests including uro-radiologists, uro-pathologists, and medical oncologists attend this conference on a routine basis. The faculty members critique and discuss the salient points of each presentation. CME credits will be awarded with attendance.

Pediatric Journal Club
This required conference occurs at least every other month and it is led by Dr. Mark Williams or Dr. Dana Giel. It is attended by all residents and the pediatric urology faculty. Residents are assigned articles for review and then are critiqued by the pediatric faculty.