Harborview Medical Center Neurology - Learning Objectives

This is a list of the activities and actions that your attendings will be observing during this rotation to gauge your progress. Use the descriptions of each of these activities that you might do on the Neurology service to solicit specific feedback during your month at Harborview.

Perform a complete neurologic history tailored to the patient’s chief complaint.
Within this context, seek to: Acquire accurate and relevant history from the patient in an efficiently customized, prioritized, and hypothesis-driven fashion; recognize when to seek new information or reconsider the differential diagnosis based upon emerging history; provide succinct, relevant and patient-specific documentation in a timely manner.

Perform a complete neurologic examination tailored to the patient’s chief complaint.
Within this context, seek to: Consistently perform accurate and appropriately thorough neurologic examinations that are targeted to the patient’s presenting complaints; recognize when to perform more detailed or in-depth examination maneuvers or reconsider the differential diagnosis based upon emerging history or examination findings; provide succinct, relevant, and patient-specific documentation in a timely manner.

Synthesize history, examination, and laboratory/radiographic data to generate a preliminary neurologic differential diagnosis.
Within this context, seek to: Use the collected presenting data to define the patient’s central clinical problem(s) and generate a prioritized differential diagnosis and problem list; accurately interpret basic and complex diagnostic tests accurately; demonstrate sufficient scientific, socioeconomic, and behavioral knowledge to recognize and diagnose common neurologic conditions.

Deliver an accurate and concise oral presentation regarding a new neurology patient admission.
Within this context, seek to: Efficiently and effectively present admitting history, physical examination, and laboratory and radiographic data to other members of the care team; synthesize patient data to define each patient’s central neurologic problems and generate a prioritized problem list; provide an initial management plan based upon the patient’s presentation.

Demonstrate clarity of communication, compassion, integrity, accountability, and respect in all interactions with patients and their families.
Within this context, seek to: Consistently demonstrate respect, empathy, compassion, and respect to all patients and their caregivers even in challenging situations; recognize and appropriately modifies care plans to account for each patient’s unique characteristics and needs; engages patients in shared decision-making and incorporates patient-specific preferences into plans of care; uses easy to understand language when communicating with patients and their families.

Recognize and manage common neurologic complaints, such as headache, first-time seizure, confusion or memory loss.
Within this context, seek to: Consistently develop and initiate care plans appropriate to the presenting neurologic complaint; appropriately modify care plans based upon clinical course, additional data, and patient preference; seek additional guidance or consultation when indicated; order and interpret diagnostic tests as appropriate; work effectively as part of an interdisciplinary care team; and prioritize multiple competing demands in order to complete patient care tasks in a timely and effective manner.

Recognize and provide initial management for situations requiring emergent neurologic care, such as acute stroke, encephalopathy, or status epilepticus.
Within this context, seek to: Recognize and provide management for situations requiring urgent or emergent care; obtain data from secondary sources when needed; seek and interpret consultative assistance as appropriate for emergent situations; transition patients as necessary and (with appropriate supervision) provide care in intensive care unit settings for emergent situations.