Inpatient hospital medicine

Hospital medicine is one of the most rapidly emerging medical specialties in the United States. According to the American Association of Nurse Practitioner Database (2016), over 222,000 nurse practitioners are licensed in the United States. Almost eight percent are certified in acute care and nearly 50 percent are credentialed in the hospital setting. Over the past several years, a mandated reduction in work hours for medical residents has increased the demand for nurse practitioners (NPs) in the hospital setting, however, a deficiency of specialized education has the potential to limit the opportunity for NPs. The purpose of this presentation is to describe the role of the nurse practitioner in the hospital setting, discuss strategies of the hospitalist nurse practitioner for admissions and rounding and identify approaches for precepting nurse practitioner students in the inpatient setting.

Biography

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