

Welcome to the PICU!

We are so happy to have you joining us for your Critical Care elective or AI. This is a demanding rotation but very rewarding and educational. **Before** you start the rotation, please do the following:

- Access the PICU website, watch the orientation PowerPoint, read the Survival Guide, test your knowledge on the quiz, and sign the attestation form.
- Access the Society of Critical Care Medicine's teaching modules provided by the medical school.
- Review the Critical Care syllabus in Canvas.
- Download the PICU APP to track your learning and do mini quizzes on your knowledge.
- Explore the rest of the PICU website; it has many valuable links and resources.

**First day:** The PICU is on the second floor (2 EAST ) at DCMC. There is an intercom system at the door. Explain that you are a medical student and are here to start your rotation. When you come in, go to the nursing station and ask for a resident or advanced practice provider (NP or PA). You should be paired with a senior (3rd-year resident). On the first day, you will join rounds and learn your way around the unit. In the afternoon, try to either admit a new patient or pick up a patient who has been recently admitted to the unit.

To ensure a successful rotation, please ensure all team members (attending, APP, senior resident, and your patient's RNs) know where to find you on Voalte. Some mobile providers have poor reception at DCMC.

**Supervision:** You will always co-follow patients with the senior resident. We expect you to be responsible for your patients, write daily notes, and write up H&Ps. All notes should be PICU Progress notes or PICU H&P **NOT** pediatric notes. **Notes should be sent to the resident you work with for review/signature/attestation.**

**Order writing:** Please write at least some of the orders on your patients. Students must send their orders **immediately** for signature by the resident co-co-following on your patient. In addition, you should notify the patient's RN that there are new orders to ensure their timely action on your orders.

**Number of patients to follow:** You should plan on managing 2-3 patients at any one time, depending on their complexity. Do not be afraid of following complex chronic patients. It is an excellent idea to use this time to be proficient at synthesizing /verifying information on these patients before you are an intern.

1. Evaluations: I encourage you to ask for feedback from your attendings during your week with them. If you would like formal feedback on mid-rotation, please contact me to arrange it. At the end of each week, send Kasey the name of the attending (s) you worked with, and she will send them an evaluation form.

I am always available to you before or during the rotation. You can email/text,/call me.

Sincerely,  
Alexandra Wilson MD  
PICU Attending