

UWHA July 2010 Minutes

1. Members present: Maya Narayanan (Internal Medicine), Luke Parr (Anesthesiology), Arul Krishnan (Anesthesiology), John Jefferson (Neurology), Laura Leddy (Urology), Chris Welty (Urology), Kay Welty (Internal Medicine), Jeff Gordon (Internal Medicine), Giye Choe (General Surgery), Amanda Marshall (Internal Medicine), Samira Bahrani (Cardiology Research), Kartik Balakrishnan (Otolaryngology), Jun Lu (Allergy and Rheumatology Fellow), Amit Nanavati (Cards Fellow)

2. UWHA Meeting

Thanks to everybody who came to the UWHA meeting. Turnout was excellent, and we were pleased to provide appetizers and drinks for everybody who came. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 10 at 6:30 pm at a location to be determined.

3. Department Representatives

All attendees at the last meeting expressed interest in being UWHA department representatives. Please let us know if any of you do not wish to fill this role. A few residents who could not attend the last meeting but would like to be representatives have also contacted us, and we are happy to have you. Email me or any other member of the Housestaff if you would like to serve as a UWHA department representative. We will post each department's representatives on the website in the next few weeks.

4. Committee of Interns and Residents

A few years ago, the Committee of Interns and Residents approached the UW Housestaff association about the possibility of unionization. The CIR is a Housestaff union with more than 13000 members nationwide. At that time the residents decided not to Unionize. The CIR would like the UW Housestaff to consider unionization again. A representative from CIR is planning to come to Seattle on August 6 for a question and answer session. All department representatives will be invited to attend.

5. Cores Team Paging

The Cores Team Paging system is being integrated across many of the services at Harborview. The new interns were introduced to the system during orientation. Nurses at Harborview are being trained on the system over the next few weeks as well. We have developed a PDF explaining how to use the Cores Team Paging System and will post it on uwresidents.com in the next few weeks. We encourage any residents who are having any questions or concerns to bring them to our attention.

6. Lounges

Dr. Harlin will present our proposal for a lounge at Harborview to the Space Committee at Harborview in the next few weeks. We hope to have more

information soon. We also continue to look for ways to improve the Crow's Nest at UWMC. Suggestions that were brought up at our meeting were to add computers or more phones, if possible. We will look into whether these are feasible options.

7. Credentialing

Numerous residents have been having trouble maintaining their credentials at various hospitals. Some residents have as many as 5 ID badges/access cards, which is a particular burden for residents who must cover multiple hospitals or need access to emergency kits. We will look into whether there are ways to streamline this process. One suggestion was for various programs to keep an access card at each hospital for their on-call residents.

8. VA Paging

Some residents have been having difficulty figuring out who to page for various services at the VA. Frequently the on-call resident paged through the operator is not actually on service. GME is working on getting all schedules for the different services on Medhub, which could help alleviate some of this problem.

9. ORCA at the VA

Many of the computers at the VA do not have access to ORCA. We will speak with IT at the VA to see what we can do about this issue.

10. Mariners tickets

We have Mariners tickets to all weekend home games this season. We will give them away on a first-come first-serve basis to UWHA members who have been to a meeting this year. Maya Narayanan currently has the tickets so contact her if interested at mnarayan@u.washington.edu.

As always, if you have any questions about these minutes or the UWHA, please feel free to contact me or any other member of the UWHA executive committee.

Sincerely,

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UWHA Secretary

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