

Half Day and Journal Club Presentation Tips

Welcome to the U of A Emergency Medicine Academic Half Day! Here are some guidelines and tips to follow for success in your presentations at Grand Rounds

Professionalism

Presenting at rounds is like presenting at a conference. While many of your resident colleagues are in the audience, so are your nursing, military, medical student and paramedical colleagues, as well as staff physicians of varying specialties.

Appropriate business attire and attention to start and end times should accompany your well-researched and rehearsed talks.

Please have a senior physician review each of your presentations for content and style. You may wish to use a specialist colleague, a senior resident or an emergency physician.

Topic Presentations

There are approximately **150 Core Topics** that will be covered by either a staff or resident over a **two year** time span. The Core Topic List is posted on the ER website, and has been e-mailed out to you all as well. **Deadline for topic submission is the first day of the month before you are scheduled to present** (for example, if you are scheduled to present anytime in February, the deadline is January 1). Failure to submit by this deadline will result in a topic being chosen for you (we're not kidding on this one folks). **Once you decide on a topic, please make sure you email your core topic choice to Judson Barkhurst (judson@ualberta.ca) AND Tong Lam (tlam@ualberta.ca).**

If you wish to present a topic that is not on the list, this **MUST** be cleared with the Chief Resident well in advance. If the proposed topic is similar to a core topic already listed, we will encourage you to use the core topic instead.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- sign up for a topic from the list early (2 months before the date if possible)- find an expert in the area to assist you (either in emerg or within that specialty)- go to the recent literature, become an expert on the topic- provide a list of references- try to choose illustrative cases as lead-ins to your presentation- practice ahead of time on a colleague- put a lot of time/work into it | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- forget to check the master list and sign up for your topic- wait until the last minute- regurgitate a textbook (we already have Tintinalli/Rosen rounds)- do an Internal Medicine presentation (ie. focus on the pertinent clinical questions to an Emergency Physician) |

Case Presentations

Case presentations may be about any topic and are not limited to the topic list. On Peds Days you must present a pediatric case. For all other half days, you may choose to present an adult or pediatric case.

Ensure your case presentation is exactly that.....a "case" presentation! **Present an interesting case and go through the process of information gathering, problem solving and decision making in the ED.** Avoid spending too much time demonstrating your medical knowledge on a particular topic. Cases should have you asking the audience questions, such as "How would you evaluate/treat this patient?" or "What could have been done better/differently in this situation?" The primary goal is to go through an approach to a case, highlight a few key teaching points or pearls, and most importantly, foster discussion points between you and members of the audience.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- gather details on interesting cases as you go through rotations (patient ID#s, labs, ECGs, x-rays, ABG's, etc)- focus on issues of uncertain or variable management (i.e. dilemmas of management)- start the case with the "setting" you are working in- unfold the case as close to realtime as possible- practice ahead of time on a colleague- engage the audience | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- talk at length about a topic (that's what topic presentations are for)- tell a didactic story- make your case presentation longer than 20min (allow time for questions and discussion)- put a lot of time/work into it |

***NEW FOR THIS YEAR ***

If it is your FIRST time presenting either a CASE (PGY 1's, EM's) or a TOPIC (PGY 2's, EM's) you must have your case or topic reviewed by one of the chief residents. You are still encouraged to have a staff or other expert in the field you are presenting on review your case/topic prior to the chief reviewing the presentation.

Journal Club

Please see the attached Journal Club guidelines for more information regarding the format of Journal Club.

If you have any questions about half day or journal club, please don't hesitate to ask your chiefs. **Best of Luck!**