

VIRGINIA POISON CENTER
VCU Medical Center

Toxicology Rotation for Housestaff and Students

Quick facts about the VPC:

Center Location	One Cap Square: 830 E. Main St., Suite 300
Region served	Designed by VDH to serve central and eastern half of Virginia; 42 hospitals and 3.2 million residents
Annual Caseload	Nearly 30,000 calls in 2014
Accreditation	Certified as a Regional Poison Center by the American Association of Poison Control Centers
Toxicologists	S. Rutherford Rose, PharmD, DABAT, FAACT Kirk Cumpston, DO, FACEP, FAACT, FACMT Brandon Wills, DO, MS, FACEP, FAACT, FACMT Michelle Troendle, MD
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Rotation Helpful Hints

First day check-in:

1. Report to poison center, 830 E. Main St, by 9AM unless otherwise instructed.
2. Check in with secretary
3. Fill in schedule of call days and clinic days.
4. Take pre-test and turn it in to secretary

All open health care facility (HCF) cases should be reviewed. See a VPC staff member for log-in instructions. Give yourself 2 hours before rounds to review the cases, see consults and read about the toxins before rounds. **Send a text to the toxicology**

attending on call about consults at VCU. You may meet at the hospital first. The default time for rounds is 10 AM, but is subject to change.

Primary call (consults) for VCUHS patients only is required. Two call nights per week on rotation from 5P-10A the next day.

Calls from non-VCUHS hospitals or physicians from 8AM-5PM may be referred to you by the SPI's for consultation. You may be asked to discuss the case directly with a requesting physician after discussing the case with a Tox attending or fellow.

A calendar will be present the first day of the rotation. All residents are required to write their clinic schedules, vacations, lectures, journal club, selected call days, or days off on the calendar.

Toxic Tuesday is a day for fellow education. There will be a textbook chapter, presentations, and journal articles assigned. The fellow(s) may present a topic review, and residents most likely present a journal article.

Wednesdays the EM residents have educational conference and will be excused from rounds. You are welcome to review the cases with the tox attending or attend the EM conference. You should still be available that day for consults.

Prepare a < 30-minute PowerPoint presentation on a toxicology topic of your choice. We recommend that you check with the tox faculty regarding a topic.

Present a journal article about toxicology. The article must pose a study question. No case reports and no reviews. This can be a discussion or PowerPoint. Use the journal club template.

Toxicall: the EMR for poison center cases

Healthcare Series V.xx: CD-rom database of drugs and chemicals

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