UCH Memorial Hospital EMS Clinical Information (P/AEMT)

Required: Photo ID badge from your school or department, as well as “generic” UCH ID badge to be worn above the waist at all times inside hospital.

– if hospital clinicals suspended, all scheduled clinical shifts will be cancelled

Your clinical will be done at Memorial Hospital Central or Memorial Hospital North

Report 15 minutes prior to the start of your assigned shift

CENTRAL

Parking for Central – Park at the Employee parking lot on the corner of Printer’s Pkwy and Kidskare Pt and ride the shuttle to the hospital. If you are at the hospital for a night shift or weekend shift, you may park on levels 5 and 6 of the parking garage at the hospital. If you park lower in the garage, you risk getting a ticket that will not be reversible. If you park in the garage during shuttle hours, you will also risk a ticket. Shuttle runs 0500-midnight M-F. If your shift ends after midnight, you should park at the hospital on level 5 or 6 of the garage. Do not park on the neighborhood streets.

For ED - Enter hospital through the “EMERGENCY” entrance and report to triage. They will take you to the charge nurse, who will assign you to your preceptor for the shift

For ICU, Cath Lab, L&D, OR – enter through north entrance.

 OR Central– call OR charge phone at 719-365-2922 to let them know you have arrived. They will send someone to meet you and get you into the locker room.

 Cath Lab – take “north” elevators and report to room 3622 (cath lab prep and recovery room). If no one is there, call 719-365-2907 to let them know you have arrived.

 ICU – take north elevators and report to room 4681 (ICU huddle room).

 RT at Central – Call RT supervisor at 719-365-1271. You will normally meet up with the RT supervisor in the ED.

 L&D – follow signs to the Birth Center. It is a locked unit so you will need to ring the bell to let them know you are there.

NORTH

 Parking for Memorial Hospital North – You may park in the lot east of the hospital campus across Austin Bluffs. You may not park in any of the reserved lots that are close to the hospital, Children’s Hospital, or the medical office building on the campus.

ED - Enter through the “EMERGENCY” entrance on the east side of the hospital. Report to triage and they will take you back to the charge nurse, who will assign you to your preceptor for the shift.

Birth Center – enter through main entrance, follow signs to birth center. This is a locked unit, so you will need to ring the bell to be let in.

RT at North – report to room A2316. If no one is there, call 719-364-0080 for RT supervisor.

OR North – call OR charge at 719-364-1782 to let them know you have arrived. They will direct you as to how to get where you need to be.

Clinical Uniform –School polo shirt; or non-logo polo or button down white dress shirt, navy blue pants (no jeans, shorts, or scrubs) – must look like uniform pants. May be Dickies/Dockers style, or EMT pants. Black belt and shoes/boots. Photo ID badge from your school and generic UCH badge provided by our office. No fragrance of any kind. Shower and use deodorant, but nothing else. No hats. No EMS/Fire department logos, or UCH logos, other than those on the badge we provide. Employee/affiliate badges may not be worn during your clinical shift and cannot be swiped, except in the cafeteria to get your employee discount. Long hair should be tied back and, preferably, up against the head in a bun-type. Tattoos must be covered.

BOTH ED’s:

Stay with your preceptor, unless you have discussed with your preceptor to be in another area of the ED. This may be allowed when an “alert” patient arrives in a part of the ED where your preceptor is not assigned, and it is mutually decided that it would be a good experience for you to be there temporarily. Also, if you are there for peds specific patients, you will probably be all over the ED. Once done, report back to your preceptor. Do not leave the ED without communicating to your preceptor that you are doing so… ie – meal break, etc. If you do leave the ED for any reason, you will have to re-enter through triage, the same way you did at the beginning of your shift.

There may be patient rooms that are “off limits” to you. This is for your protection. You will likely not be allowed in any COVID positive, or suspected patient rooms. There may be other patient’s rooms that you are restricted from, for different reasons. This is not personal, and is usually for your protection.

All departments:

Do not bring anything with you that is not essential for your shift. No backpacks, electronics, etc. You will not have access to a secure area. Your phone may be with you, but must remain in your pocket and turned “off” any time you are in the patient areas. You may use your phone only when outside of the patient areas.

Be sure to have your required documentation with you. Make sure the preceptor signs the paperwork sometime during the last hour you are there. Do NOT use any patient identifiers, including initials, room #, etc., on the paperwork.

Remember HIPAA – You will potentially be in a position to have patient information that needs to be passed on. Please don’t hesitate to do so. Be very cautious about what you say, to whom you say it, and who may be overhearing. This includes when you are outside of the ED in the halls, cafeteria, etc.

Your clinical shift is a privilege, not a right. Don’t mess it up. Have a good attitude, be professional, be in full clinical uniform, and show respect to staff, patients, family members, etc.

Memorial Central ED and Memorial North ED are very busy ED’s. There will be students from all types of medical professions in the ED. (Never more than 2 EMS students at a time, and never more than 1 Paramedic or AEMT student). Be where you are supposed to be and with your preceptor in order to get the best experience.

You may be asked to do things that are outside of your scope of practice. Do NOT do so! Remind the staff what level of student you are and your scope does not allow you to do things that you have not been checked off on in class.

Do NOT report for your clinical if you have been sick with any symptoms within 72 hours prior to your shift, or if you have had contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID within the past 7 days. Do not report for your clinical shift under the influence or hung over.

Colorado is a very “green” state, but THC products are not allowed for healthcare providers at any time, even with a medical use card.

Do not bring anything that can be considered a weapon – even pocket knives or multi-tools will be removed from you and you can claim them on the way out. Best to keep them in your car or at home. Trauma shears are fine.

It is recommended that you bring a stethoscope if you have one. Also eye protection is recommended.

There is a cafeteria on site and a coffee shop. There are also vending machines. If you want/need to bring your own food, do so in an insulated lunch bag, as you will likely not have access to a refrigerator. Ask your preceptor where to keep your lunch bag.

Please do not enter the “EMS Crew room”, even if the staff does. This is off limits to staff and students and only for EMS crews bringing patients into the ED. Please be respectful of the crews that work so hard for our community.

To schedule your shifts, contact Bonnie Gentzel, Clinical Coordinator, *UCH Memorial Hospital EMS* or your school clinical coordinator.

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