Infectious Diseases Consult Service

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Required reading: On your patients, please read the appropriate section of Mandell’s *Principles and Practice of Infectious Diseases*. This text is available online through MD Consult. In addition, the team will be assigned readings and you will be expected to be able to discuss them.

Rounds will begin daily in the Epidemiology Conference Room (A.D. Williams, 6th floor), Monday 2 PM, Tuesday-Friday 1:30 PM, and Saturday 9AM. No one rounds on Sundays except me. Microbiology Lab Rounds are held Tuesday-Friday 1-1:30PM.

Expectations of fellows, residents and medical students:
1. At daily rounds, for each patient report an interval history, focused exam, antibiotics (and day number for each), WBC w/differential, antibiotic drug levels, BUN and serum creatinine, culture reports and other pertinent labs. A flow sheet is available to assist you with data management.
2. Complete a new consultation form on each new patient. All sections of the consult form must be completed.
3. After hours consults: Please call me as soon as you get a consult; I may be able to save you some time.
4. My style is to sign off cases quickly; however, I feel we should write notes daily on those patients we are following. Residents and students should not write the daily note until after the patient has been discussed on rounds. You do not need to write a note if I have written a note that day.
5. Everyone will attend Infectious Diseases Grand Rounds on Mondays 1-2 PM (September – June).
6. Everyone will attend Internal Medicine Grand Rounds on Thursdays 12N-1PM (September – June).
7. Residents are required to attend Morning Report daily from 7:30-8:30 AM.
8. We frequently see unusual cases on this service. You are expected to perform literature searches on these cases and report your results on rounds. If you find a particularly good paper, bring it in and we will make copies for the team.

Additional expectations for ID fellows:
1. Equitably divide consults among the students and housestaff.
2. Oversee medical students performing consults and assist them with the consultation form.
3. Call me at 11:30-noon daily to quickly update on new consults.
4. Reading is essential! You are expected to have reviewed (at a minimum) the sections of Mandell’s text which apply to all patients on the service. In addition, for unusual cases or difficult management issues, a literature search is imperative.
5. You must follow all patients on the service and be aware of all active issues with the patients.
6. You will be held to a higher standard of performance than the other team members. You are a role model to the students, and the demonstration of a scholarly approach to consultative medicine is expected.

Evaluation will be based on the following:
1. Commitment to providing excellent care
2. Interest in infectious diseases as evidenced by outside reading
3. Data collection (including history and physical examination)
4. Ability to synthesize collected data into a meaningful consultation report
5. Ability to discuss assigned readings