**Critical Care - Ochsner**

Ochsner Medical Center - Main Campus  
On-Site Rotation Supervisor: Dr. David Taylor

**Goals:** To develop exceptional competence in the diagnosis and treatment of patients with acute organ failures.

### Clinics and Conferences
- Attend continuity clinic during this rotation
- Attend critical care didactic lectures each one time
- Present one critical care topic
- Thursday afternoon Pulmonary Conferences at LSU (12:30 pm)

### On Call Coverage
Fellows assigned to Ochsner ICU, Pulmonary Consultation, Lung Transplant, Kenner-Ambulatory and Ochsner Elective rotations share weeknight and weekend combined coverage.

### OBJECTIVES

**Medical Knowledge and Clinical Skills**
- First year fellows will encounter and master the basic management of: respiratory failure, shock and sepsis
- This campus offer unique exposure to gastrointestinal/hepatic issues in critical care and neurosurgical emergencies
- Fellows will perform invasive critical care procedures under supervision until competency is established.
- Procedural emphasis: central lines, airway management, critical care ultrasound, thoracostomy tubes

**Patient Care**
- Fellows will establish personal responsibility for patient care by evaluating all new admissions personally.
- Fellows will develop habits for effective pre and post-call communication with on call physicians.

**Practice Based Learning and Improvement**
- Fellows will learn to defend clinical decision making on rounds and in Chest Conference by utilizing the medical literature

**Systems-Based Practice**
- Fellows will learn implementation and execution of quality improvement initiatives (sepsis, hand-washing, aspiration)

**Interpersonal and Communication Skills**
- Fellows will gain expertise in end-of-life discussions with input from the palliative care team and participation in case based end of life curriculum.

**Level Specific Goals**
- First Year—Introduction to critical care: pathophysiology, shock, respiratory failure, airway skills, ventilator management.
- Second and Third Year—Advanced airways skills, advanced mechanical ventilation concepts, team leadership, quality improvement and patient safety projects.

### Evaluation
- Supervising staff, interdisciplinary team

### Recommended Supervision
- First Year: Direct supervision for pulmonary procedures by attending physician until competency confirmed. Direct supervision for all elective moderate sedation procedures.
- Second and Third Year: Indirect supervision for pulmonary procedures. Direct supervision for elective moderate sedation procedures.
- All patients evaluated by the fellows are staffed directly within one day or urgently if indicated.