University of Chicago Medicine Clerkship Medical Student Note Writing

INPATIENT:

Students are expected to write notes for all patients they follow on a daily basis on the inpatient service. This includes an admission H&P and daily progress note. These notes may be used for billing purposes as the note of record in some instances. They should be routed to the resident or intern only if they will be used as the note of record. If they will not be used, do not route them to anyone. Residents may only use your note for billing if they directly observe you performing the history and physical. Here are some educational goals for note-writing:

H&P: Goal for direct observation by senior resident and use of 1 note as note of record per 2 week block. Route the note directly to the resident.

SOAP/Progress Note: Goal for direct observation by senior resident or intern pre-rounding on patients and to use these notes as the note of record as much as possible. Route these notes directly to the resident or intern. *plan ahead with the team when you will be away at clinic or preceptor group so they aren’t counting on you for these notes

AMBULATORY:

Students are expected to write notes on some or all of the patients they see in the clinic. This should be determined in discussion with your attending. Students should not be expected to complete documentation outside of the allotted clinic hours. A goal of one to four notes per half day is the expectation. These notes should be routed directly to the attending to verify and attest when written.

CODING QUERIES

You should not be receiving these or complete them. Forward them to your resident or attending.