

Resident Volunteer “Job Description”

Most residents usually spend the bulk of their time in the IPD to help ease the burden of the Cambodian IPD doctors. You will be assigned several patients to assess, write notes on, and present during afternoon teaching rounds. You may also be asked to help with new admissions and an IPD nurse can serve as your interpreter. Initially, you will likely be assigned to take care of the LAU patients and write notes on them each day. When finished with LAU, you can then report to Dr. Chheng (Chief of IPD) to see if you can help with the IPD patients. You may also work in the OPD either sitting with and precepting a junior doctor or seeing patients on your own with an interpreter.

Resident volunteers will often be put into the work schedule in which case you will be assigned to IPD or OPD for that day. Otherwise you can choose where you would like to work, keeping in mind that too many volunteers in one department can end up burdening instead of helping that department. Your typical work day is 8:00am to 5:00pm with a 2-hour lunch break (noon-2pm). You will not be asked to do overnight call and you will get at least 2 days off in a row each week.

At 2:00pm, teaching rounds begin in the ICU. The inpatient team rounds one-by-one on all in-house patients (ICU, ER, IPD, LAU) and resident volunteers are welcome to join these teaching rounds. If you are scheduled for IPD on that day, you must attend afternoon rounds to present your patients. During some months when there are many volunteers at AHC, we may limit the number of volunteers allowed on teaching rounds. But while all volunteers may not be able to attend rounds every day, they will all get the opportunity to attend some of the daily rounds.

From 4:00pm-5:00pm is the lecture series for the junior doctors. Resident volunteers are asked to cover the OPD, IPD, or ER during this time so that all junior doctors may attend the lectures since it is a mandatory part of their medical education curriculum. If there is other staff available to cover or if the OPD/IPD/ER are not busy, then you are welcome to attend the lecture. Occasionally, resident volunteers are asked to give a lecture or two. This will usually be arranged prior to your visit, either by Dr. Leakhena or Dr. Varun.

Finally, there are other activities in addition to the “typical day” activities described above such as going on a Home Care visit, helping with research or some other academic project, spending time with the pediatric surgeons in the OR, and looking at interesting blood smears in the lab. Mr. Sopheary, the volunteer coordinator, can help in arranging a Home Care visit.

Please contact Dr. Varun Kumar if there are any problems during your rotation or if an evaluation needs to be filled out at the end of your rotation.