Synapse Shadowing Information & Expectations

Inpatient Service

- There are multiple people with different roles
  - The **attending** has the most experience and oversees the team.
  - The **chief resident** is in their final year of training and helps run the team by acting as someone who can answer the questions of the junior residents.
  - The **junior residents** are in the earlier years of their training and do the groundwork for the team.
  - The **medical students** are there to learn.

- Workflow during the day
  - During morning rounds, all patients are discussed as a team.
  - After discussing all the patients, the team goes around to see and examine each patient.
  - After all the patients have been seen and examined by the attending, the team disperses to finish doing all the tasks that were decided during rounds.

- Your role
  - Arrive for rounds on time.
  - Listen to the presentations during rounds and go with the team to examine the patients.
  - Ask questions if you have them but wait until you have left the patient’s room and do not interrupt the team.
  - Typically, you stay until all the patients have been examined. This is usually done by 12pm.

Clinic

- There are morning clinics and afternoon clinics.

- Your role
  - Arrive on time.
  - It depends on the attending you are working with, but typically you will observe them while they talk to patients, examine patients, and update paperwork.
  - Ask questions if you have them but wait until you have left the patient’s room and do not interrupt the doctor while he or she interacts with the patient.

Dress Code

- Appropriate attire for men includes tailored shirt and tie, trousers or slacks, and closed toe shoes.
- Appropriate attire for women includes a dress, a blouse, tailored shirt or sweater, slacks or skirt, and closed-toe shoes.
- Jeans, t-shirts, tank tops, sweatshirts, and open-toed shoes are not permitted.
● Clothing should not be too revealing (e.g., avoid miniskirts, excessively tight clothing, tops with a revealing neckline or bare midriff).
● Please pay attention to personal hygiene, including bathing, oral hygiene, and clean and well-groomed hair.
● Strong fragrances/perfumes and gum-chewing are prohibited.
● Offensive or inappropriate tattoos must be covered.