

Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center

CLINICAL RESEARCH UNIT

Policy No.:
Original Date: 3.27.08
Previous Date: none

Staffing Pattern of the Clinical Research Unit

Purpose:

1. To identify the staffing pattern under which participant and research services are conducted on the Clinical Research Unit.
2. To provide appropriate unit coverage.

Policy:

1. The CRU plans and schedules staff based on protocol needs.
2. Staffing is based on the acuity/intensity of the scheduled protocols.
3. Staffing schedules can change according to census or the addition or cancellation of subjects.
4. The staff schedules are based on the following template with consideration of the above #3.

0700-1530 shift

- 3 nurses
- 1 unit coordinator
- 1 Lab Tech
- 1 Patient Care Technician

1530-1900 shift

- 2 nurses or
- 1 RN and 1 patient care technician (capable of working in lab as well)

1900-2330

- 2 nurses
- 1 patient care technician -preferably a Polysomnography Tech (PSG)
or
- 1 nurse
- 2 technicians including a Polysomnography Tech (PSG)
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2330-0700

- 2 Nurses
- 1 Patient Care Technician
- 1 PSG technician

5. Minimum staffing is provided based on low census. For protocol nights where there is no nursing assessment required, multiple blood draws from an inline device, or other nurse intervention i.e., med administration required the unit can be staffed with a Patient Care Technician only.

6. In the event the PCT or Nurse will staff alone the sex of the subject (s) should be considered, i.e. female PCT's/Nurses can staff alone if the subjects are also female.

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