

Internship with EPPA

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About EPPA

- Emergency Physicians Professional Association (EPPA) is an organization run by practicing physicians in emergency medicine. On staff with them, over 300 professional medical providers (MD's, DO's, PA's, and NP's) work in the emergency rooms of partnering hospitals around Minnesota, specifically in the Twin Cities, St. Cloud, and rural Minnesota.
- What is special about EPPA is that the leadership and staff are all incredibly kind and have the desire to get to know you and help you along your journey.

Key Tasks as a Scribe

- Establish contact with your assigned provider via secure chat. This is where they will communicate pertinent information regarding patients condition and plan of care.
- Write an HPI, description of patients story pertaining to their chief complaint
- Go through the patients medical chart and filter through all the irrelevant information.
- Keep an eye on labs and scans obtained for the patient, and communicate this with the provider.
- Stay engaged and ask questions!

Skills Required

- Ability to work in a fast paced environment
- Fast typing skills
- Basic medical knowledge (you will learn with time)
- Great communication skills and willingness to ask questions



Skills Gained

- Paying close attention to detail, and filtering out irrelevant information
- Determining differentials by the history given by patient, and medical history including diagnosis and medications listed in their chart.
- Ability to apply lecture content, specifically physiology and biochemistry, to create a better understanding of the patients presentation.
- Learning how to use Epic, a healthcare electronic record software used by Allina, Fairview, HealthPartners, etc.
- Overall better communication and people skills.

Discussion

- I began working in June of 2023 in the Allina hospital system; onsite at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids and Unity Hospital in Fridley, and remotely at Buffalo campus via video call.
- I have been on staff since, and have recently been hired as a trainer as well!
- The job is what you make of it. You will only get valuable experience from it if you open yourself up and make effort.
- The providers all value scribes a lot as we save them a lot of time and busywork, and are extremely friendly. There is so much opportunity to ask questions about patients, and even ask for advice regarding applications and career in medicine.
- Bonus: EPPA workshops, gatherings, and letter of recommendations!

