Expectations for the Night Float Junior

Introduction:
The night float junior will act as the first call for ward problems occurring in the night and evening and will work, along with the “on call” student to admit patients to the ward. The night float junior will also be part of the Code Blue team. The night float junior can contact the night float senior for any issues for which they require help or support.

Timing and Call:
The night float junior arrives at 20h00 and leaves at 08h00. At 7h30 morning rounds, the junior is responsible for presenting their admissions to the day team and signing out any issues that occurred during the night. The senior will be present to provide guidance.

Patient Care:
As mentioned above, the night float junior will be called for active patient issues on the 15th floor and will admit new patients. Although the ward teams will try to admit as many patients as is reasonable during the day, it is expected that there will be nights when there will be several late admissions.

The senior night float is responsible for assigning resources to those areas in need. This might mean that the senior night float could assign you to assess a patient on 17E, or other areas of the hospital. All assessments should be discussed with the senior night float who acts as the supervisor and manager for acute medicine during the evening and night.

Admissions:
All admissions must be typed. Please use the OWord admission history template. Save the OWord document as a Draft. The senior will review the document and sign off on it. Print a copy of the admission note and put it in the chart. You may decide to print in some of the results or other areas by hand; the HPI should always be typed and can be used as a stem for the discharge summary. You may choose to erase or eliminate some of the areas on the template as is appropriate. The junior is also responsible for completing all admission prescription and adding the patient to the CTU list.

Teaching:
The night float senior is expected to teach the juniors and students around the cases admitted or assessed during the night. There are no formal teaching sessions. The night float team is encouraged to attend morning report.

Evaluations:
There will be no formal evaluations for the night float rotation. It will be considered to be included in the CTU evaluation. Please give feedback to the day team if you feel there was inadequate documentation or handover.