Internal Medicine Morbidity & Mortality Rounds
Objectives & Guidelines

Background: As part of the accreditation process for our program, the College has mandated that review and examination of medical errors be included in our academic activities. M&M rounds were designed and implemented to meet this requirement, as well as to encourage residents to pursue a research project in Quality Improvement. M&M rounds are not intended to be punitive in any way, and are moderated by an attending physician supervisor and the chief residents to ensure this is followed.

Objectives: The goals of M&M rounds are to:
1. identify medical errors
2. improve patient care by implementing preventative strategies for further errors
3. review medical literature related to medical errors and medico-legal issues
4. encourage residents to consider research in Quality Improvement

Format:
1. Residents will prepare and present M&M rounds once during their residency, usually in the R2 year.
2. These sessions will occur approximately once per month during academic half day.
3. Presentations should be 0.5 hr in length, followed by 10 minutes allowed for questions.
4. Presentations should be prepared in PowerPoint or similar presentation software.
5. Presentations must include:
   - short case presentation
   - identification and description of the medical error
   - discussion of contributing factors and preventative strategies
   - discussion of any relevant medico-legal issues
   - 1-2 slides describing an idea or design for a quality improvement project.
     (for example, how could you implement your preventative strategy and what outcomes would you measure to test the success of your strategy)
6. Within one week of the presentation, you must submit a 1-2 paragraph summary of your presentation to Dr. Hajidiacos (nhajidiacos@hsc.mb.ca). These summaries are compiled as a requirement of the Standards Committee.

Resources:
- Need help finding a topic?
  - Ask your ward attendings for ideas or examples of medical errors they have seen on the wards.
  - Resource staff are available to help you and give advice:
    - Dr. Nick Hajidiacos (HSC)
    - Dr. Bruce Roe (St. B)
    - Linda Hathout (Quality Improvement)
  - Online resources are useful to get ideas, such as www.webmm.ahrq.gov (case archive section)