

Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital Rotations

Heart Failure Service

The Nashville VA Heart Failure (HF) and Transplant Program cares for heart failure and heart transplant patients. The fellow will participate in daily multidisciplinary rounds on HF and transplant patients including evaluation of patients for ventricular assist device (VAD) and heart transplantation. There is the opportunity for experience in outpatient VAD care at the Vanderbilt VAD clinic. The fellow will be expected to contribute to the weekly HF/Transplant Journal Club and Education Session.

Cardiac Catheterization

The fellow assigned to the laboratory will perform cardiac catheterization procedures on inpatients and outpatients referred to the laboratory under the supervision of the VA catheterization attending.

CVICU

The VA CVICU attending and fellow round daily with the internal medicine house staff covering the ICU patients. The CVICU fellow participates in daily management decisions and teaching of house staff. The fellow also has the opportunity to perform transesophageal echocardiography (TEE) on both inpatients and outpatients under the supervision of the VA TEE attending.

Consults

The VA consult service provides consultative services to inpatients at the VA Hospital from 7 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. The fellow will be involved in diagnostic evaluation and development of a treatment plan for a diverse array of cardiovascular disorders. This will require participation in daily rounds, management decisions, interpretation of diagnostic testing, prompt communication with the referring physicians, and teaching to the house staff assigned to this rotation.