

Surgery Residents Bring Other MDs to Work for a Day



5:00 am: Arrive at hospital.

Peds and Psych are borderline [comatose](#) still. Medicine seems confused to find that the hospital lights work this early in the day.

[Anesthesia](#) is saying that he's already [hungry](#).

[Radiology](#) is running late.

5-6 am: Print lists and write down all of the [vitals](#) and [labs](#). Preround.

[ED](#) is intrigued to discover that you have to look at numbers and patients yourself and don't just have a nurse to call you with the 'red numbers'.

Psych asks, "How can you tell what her mood is if the entire assessment is just pushing on her belly?"

6 am: Start rounding on patients with the team.

Anesthesia wants to take a break and asks where the [free smoked salmon](#) and [breakfast buffet](#) are.

6-7:15 am: [Round](#) on patients. Write all orders. Finish all [notes](#). Tee-up [discharges](#) and drop off scripts.

Peds and Medicine are shocked that you can use the computers to write [notes](#) and put in orders at the same time.

Radiology starts complaining of a [headache](#) from looking at so many moving 3D images. When told that that's what patients look like in real life, she mutters that '[it's too bright in here](#)' and excuses herself.

7:15-7:30 am: Sign in patients for the OR.

Anesthesia is really concerned that he's going to miss out on brunch.

7:30 am - 7 pm: [Operate](#) while also juggling all consults, floor issues and discharging patients.

Peds starts whimpering during the middle of the second operation. He later says that he felt overwhelmed by everyone's 'mean tone'.

Anesthesia falls asleep and almost falls onto the patient.

OB/GYN wonders why you don't hub the veress needle upon entry and later seems confused when you make a point of finding fascia and closing it.

Medicine wonders when you can [cap](#) on consults after you get your [6th consult](#) of the day.

ED asks in the middle of a [Whipple](#) at 5 pm who you're going to sign out to since the shift is over?

7 pm or when ORs are done: PM round on the floor patients again. Place new orders, follow-up on labs/tests/findings and update patient's families.

Anesthesia, Medicine, Peds and ED start... Oh who am I kidding, everyone's disappeared by now.