**Code White Policy at VA**

**Effective April 13th, 2016**

**As of April 13th, 2016 medicine resident will be responsible for Code White (Stroke) at VA afterhours on weekdays, all day on the weekend and all day on government holidays.**

* **Medicine is responsible for Code White on the floors, step-down and Psychiatry floor during above mentioned times.**
* **After hours is defined as after 5pm everyday till 8am the following day.**
* **Code white pages will be coming through our medicine code pagers starting today.**
* **You aren't expected to attend code white *except the times Medicine is responsible for which is afterhours on weekdays, all day on the weekend and all day on government holidays.***
* **Medicine isn't responsible for Code White in ER or ICU at any time as those are run by ER attending and ICU attending/fellow respectively.**
* ***During weekdays from 8am to 5pm neurology residents and attending's are responsible for code white.***

**The role of the medicine resident** will be to get an interim history and perform a neurologic exam; the resident will be assisted by the code white nurse who is knowledgeable re: the NIH stroke scale.

Medicine resident will contact the neurologist on call (**this information can be found on Intraweb VA under clinical call schedule**) to discuss the patient-if the neurologist decides that TPA is indicated then the patient will be moved to ICU; the ICU attending should be contacted at that time.

**The neurologist on call will come to the hospital for any patient in whom TPA is administered**, but given the time constraints, we understand that TPA administration may begin prior to the arrival of the neurologist and if that's the case pt. will be transferred to ICU at VA.

**-after the code white the resident is responsible for entering a code white note in CPRS.**

**Again I want to re-iterate medicine team will respond to code white only afterhours on weekdays (5pm-8am the following day), all day on the weekend and all day on any Government Holiday starting April 13th, 2016.**