CONFERENCES

- Two conferences are scheduled daily, Monday-Friday, at noon and 1:00 p.m. Subspecialty faculty present noon conferences in both didactic and case presentation format. Resident presentations are usually scheduled at 1:00 p.m. with attending supervision. Vascular-Interventional conferences are scheduled at 7:15 a.m. on either Tuesday or Wednesday each week.

- First year residents are given six months of intense orientation lectures, concentrating on plain film interpretation. These sessions include both lectures and review of teaching file cases. This experience helps the junior resident gain confidence in plain film interpretation.

- Residents actively participate in the preparation and delivery of case conferences, discussing the findings in unknown cases, and therefore reviewing the approach to image interpretation, pattern recognition, and formulation of appropriate differential diagnoses.

- Residents are responsible for accumulating interesting cases, for reading about the disease entities they are presenting, and for communicating their knowledge to all those in attendance.

- Conference preparation involves learning clinical radiology, pathology, literature review and requires familiarization with the hospital information system. By preparing and presenting these conferences, all residents master the use of electronic media, and become comfortable with public speaking.

- In 2007 we initiated a series of lectures entitled Beyond Imaging, which include the elements of research, journal club, HIPAA, quality improvement, business of radiology, financial planning, and ethics.

- Speakers from prestigious institutions have been invited to present Grand Rounds at various times during the past few years. Grand Rounds teaching days include an hour-long presentation followed by two to three hours of case presentations by the guest lecturer and the residents. These lectures provide residents with an opportunity to interact with respected faculty members from other institutions and to learn from them in an informal setting.