Logging continuity patients 101

What to log

All patients you see during your half day of continuity clinic each week should be logged on the ACGME website. This is a requirement of the RRC (Residency Review Committee). Additionally, we recommend you consider that future employers may want this information to know what you have seen and done during your residency. You must do 36 half-day clinics each year, and it is your responsibility to make sure you reach this number. Interns must see an average of 3 patients per clinic, juniors 4 patients, and seniors 5 patients. This is an AVERAGE, so if as an intern you only see 2 patients one week, you should see 4 the next week to ensure your average is appropriate.

How to log

The ACGME website can be accessed by going to the peds.stanford.edu website, and clicking on the “Resource” tab. The website is fairly self explanatory, but a few hints. If your clinic is private and not listed as an option in the pull down menu, please log it as LPCH. A regular well child check, which will be the majority of your patients, should be logged using code V20.2. You will often see “follow-ups” in your clinic as well. These should be logged using the appropriate code and NOT as V20.2. A patient you see to follow up his obesity should be logged using code 278 and NOT as V20.2. You can demonstrate continuity with that patient by checking the “Panel” box. Check this box if it’s a patient you have seen before or will see again. Here are common codes you will use (may use more than one code):

- Well child check V20.2
- Obesity 278
- Speech delay 315.3
- ADHD 314.01
- Failure to thrive 783.41
- Anemia 280.9
- Acne 706.1
- Asthma 493.9
- Hypertension 401.9
- Child behavior problem V61.20
- Constipation 564.00
- Conjunctivitis, viral 077.99
- Diaper dermatitis 691.0

You can also search the ACGME site to find code not listed above. When rotating through ACC or Valley outpatient, you do not need to log these patients. If you need further help, please ask a junior or senior resident, or ask of the chiefs!