

GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
POLICIES FOR HOUSE STAFF

SCHEDULING

1. With respect to hours, the hospital shall endeavor to:
 - a. Schedule duty time fairly for each resident, including the provision of adequate off-duty hours. It is the responsibility of each department to schedule the duty time and off-duty hours with the standards set forth.
 - b. Schedule in-hospital call not more than an average of every third night, except in cases of emergencies; residents must have a least one day out of 7 free from all routine clinical responsibility; however, on-call requirements may vary from department to department. The maximum scheduled in-house workweek for residents shall not exceed 80 hours.
 - c. Distribute holiday call as equitably as possible among residents at the postgraduate level, subject to patient care requirements.
 - d. The maximum work-shift for residents with primary care responsibilities in the Emergency Department shall be 12 continuous hours. The maximum work shift in other departments may vary.
2. A resident on an extended leave of absence for medical, personal or disciplinary reasons, may, at the discretion of the Program Director be required to complete additional training to meet the academic requirements of the training program. The additional training time may be with or without benefits.
3. A resident on vacation or other authorized leave of absence shall not be required to make up night or weekend call for that specific period. It is the responsibility of each training program to arrange coverage for the resident on authorized leave with the anticipation that residents will cover for each other.