



Tufts-New England Medical Center

GME-01-K RESIDENT DUTY HOUR GUIDELINES

Purpose

This policy provides a standard for determining the number of hours each Resident/Fellow may be scheduled for clinical duty at Tufts-New England Medical Center and all affiliated hospitals. This policy will also serve as a guide for the development of program-specific policies.

The institutional and program-specific policies apply to all rotations and at all teaching sites. These policies apply to hours residents are scheduled to work. The provisions therein may be waived by the Program Director, Chief Resident, or their designees in emergency or other unusual circumstances.

Consecutive Hours

All consecutive duty hours worked by Residents and Fellows must be in compliance with the governing ACGME institutional and program requirements.

Hours per Week

No Resident/Fellow may be on in-house duty for more than 80 hours per week, averaged over a four-week period.

In-Hospital Call

No Resident or Fellow may be scheduled for in-house overnight call more frequently than every third night, averaged over a four-week period.

Day Off/ Week

When averaged over a four-week period, every Resident/Fellow must have at least one full day (consecutive 24-hour period) per week free of all clinical responsibilities.

Moonlighting

Moonlighting hours worked by Residents or Fellows are to be considered within the time limits of this policy. Residents or Fellows should not be on clinical duty for more than 80 hours per week, including moonlighting hours.

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