

Policy for Residents Remaining on Duty Beyond Duty Hours Assigned

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Residents may remain on duty after assigned duty hours only for situations delineated by the ACGME in the Common Program requirements (<http://www.acgme.org/What-We-Do/Accreditation/Common-Program-Requirements>).

A. Circumstances where remaining on duty is acceptable include:

- 1) required continuity for a severely ill or unstable patient
- 2) academic importance of the events transpiring
- 3) humanistic attention to the needs of a patient or family
- 4) providing obstetrical care to a patient from the resident's continuity patient panel

B. When this occurs, residents are required to:

- 1) hand over the care of all other patients to the team responsible for their continuing care
- 2) document the reasons for remaining to care for the patient in their E*Value duty hours log

C. The program director will use the E*Value system to review each submission of additional service, and track both individual resident and program-wide episodes of additional duty.

D. The program director may contact the resident if duty hour violations do not seem to fit the above criteria.