

POLICY ON RESIDENT DUTY HOURS DURING EMERGENCY MEDICINE ROTATION

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A. Principles

The program's Resident Duty Hours Policy applies at all times. This document provides additional details pertaining to the emergency medicine rotation. The program is committed to ensuring that all residents have a satisfactory educational experience in emergency medicine. The program is committed to ensuring that resident duty hours during the emergency medicine rotation do not exceed the limitations defined in the ACGME Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education in Emergency Medicine.

B. Application

This policy applies to all residents in the UND internal medicine and transitional year programs.

C. Definitions

Duty hours are defined as time spent in all clinical and academic activities related to the program. Specifically, this includes time spent in patient care (both inpatient and outpatient), administrative duties related to patient care, the provision of transfer of patient care, time spent in-house during call activities, and scheduled educational activities such as conferences. Duty hours do not include reading and preparation time spent away from the duty site.

A week is a period of seven consecutive days, beginning on a Monday and ending on a Sunday.

C. Policy

1. During the emergency medicine rotation, residents must log a minimum of 160 hours seeing patients in the emergency department.
2. While on duty in the emergency department, residents may not work longer than 12 consecutive scheduled hours.
3. Residents must be provided a minimum of 12 hours for rest and personal activities between scheduled shifts in the emergency department.
4. A resident may not be scheduled to be on duty in the emergency department for more than 60 hours per week.