

University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences
Internal Medicine Residency Program

POLICY ON NIGHT FLOAT ASSIGNMENTS

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide the length of time a resident may work on Night Float medicine assignments as well as to establish the time between non-continuous shifts.

2. Application

This applies to all residents in the Department of Internal Medicine as well as those residents who rotate on our services.

3. Background

The Resident Review Committee (RRC) has established that a sponsoring institution must not place excessive reliance on residents to meet the service needs of participating training sites. They have established guidelines under Section II-A-21 & 2m.

4. Policy

1. During night float assignments, continuous duties should not exceed twelve (12) hours.
2. Night float assignments must be separated by at least eight (8) hours of non-patient care duties.
3. Night floats must sign-in to the assigned attending after a night shift (see sign-in policy).
4. Night floats must provide photocopies of two senior admit notes per each 2 week float rotation. These will be used as part of the evaluation.
5. Clinic duty will be assigned for a designated morning and will go until 10:00 am.