

Department of Surgery Policy on Family Medicine Resident Rotation on General Surgery Service

Family Medicine interns in the Grand Forks Family Medicine Residency Program will rotate on the general surgery service for a two month period. During this time they are expected to serve as surgical interns performing all of the duties expected of surgical interns including pre-op evaluations, post-op care, assisting with surgeries and participating in surgical clinics and procedures. The family medicine resident rotating on the general surgery service is also expected to attend all surgical conferences that the general surgery residents attend. The family medicine residents are also bound to comply with all of guidelines of the ACGME regarding resident duty hours and working the environment (see Section V1.a, b & c) in the ACGME policies. These guidelines include the following points regarding duty hours:

- Duty hours must be limited to 80 hours per week, averaged over a four week period, inclusive of all in-house call activities.
- Residents must be provided with one day in seven free from all educational and clinical responsibilities, averaged over a four week period inclusive of call.
- Adequate time for rest and personal activities must be provided. This should consist of a ten hour time period provided between daily duty periods and after in-house call.
- In-house call must occur no more frequently than every third night, averaged over a four week period.
- Continuous on-site duty including in-house call must not exceed 16 consecutive hours. Time should be allowed within the 16 hour shift for participation in didactic activities, transferring care of patients, conducting outpatient clinics, and maintenance of continuity of medical and surgical care.
- No new patients must be accepted after 16 hours of continuous duty.

Family medicine residents will be excused to attend their family medicine continuity clinic each Friday afternoon. In addition, family medicine residents will be excused to attend the half day educational session in the Family Medicine Residency program on the 4th Tuesday of each month. The family medicine residents may go to the Family Medicine Residency program noon conference if they have no surgical duties and it has been approved by the Chief resident on their service that day.

The family medicine residents will be afforded the same experience as the surgical interns in the OR, on the surgical floor and the outpatient surgical clinics. They do have the same routes of responsibilities of the surgical interns including writing daily progress notes, performing preoperative evaluations and dictating discharge summaries.

In regards to family medicine resident obstetrics patients, the family medicine residents will be excused if they have one of their own obstetric patients who is delivering during the surgery rotation. Pre-delivery visits of the obstetric patients should be scheduled on the family medicine resident's clinic day, on Friday afternoons. Family medicine residents will not be excused from surgical resident duties to see obstetric patients on pre-delivery appointments that are scheduled at other times besides their regular clinics on Friday afternoons.

Family medicine residents will be allowed to take one week of vacation while on the general surgical service if previously approved by the Program Director or Associate Program Director. Appropriate forms for vacation requests can be obtained from the Department of Surgery office at the UND School of Medicine in Room 5107. Please contact Lori Anderson at 777-3067 to obtain one of these forms.

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