

## Department of Surgery Policy on Transitional Resident Rotation on General Surgery Service

Transitional Year interns in the Transitional Year Residency Program will rotate on the general surgery service for a one 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 TY resident rotating on the general surgery service is also expected to attend all surgical conferences that the general surgery residents attend. The TY 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.

The TY residents may go to the Transitional Year 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 TY 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.

If needed, TY residents may be allowed to take one week of vacation while on the general surgical service if previously approved by the 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.