

Policy for Third Year Medical Students on UHS and Nix Inpatient Services

Purpose:

To expose third year medical students to the broad array of clinical expertise and practices of family physicians and to provide these students with a patient-centered inpatient clinical experience.

Supervision:

All patient care must be supervised by the senior residents and faculty on the inpatient services. The inpatient attending will be expected to orient the student on the first day of their rotation. This orientation must include:

- Students' responsibility in writing chart notes
- Call during the inpatient rotation, and
- Supervision and reporting requirements

Expectations:

Students will become an active member of the inpatient team to which they are assigned. They will be assigned patients to manage by the upper level resident, be expected to write notes (admission and progress) on their patients daily, and present these patients at formal attending rounds. Notes will be co-signed by the faculty responsible for the service. Residents are also expected to write independent notes (not edited student notes) on each of the students' patients daily. Students are expected to pre-round on their patients, as a resident would.

Call Schedule:

Students are to take one short call weekly (until 10pm or so). Once their patients are admitted and the work is completed, they may go home for the night.

Duty Hours:

Students are expected to be in the hospital during regular working hours Monday through Friday and one weekend day on two of the weekends during their time assigned to the service. If the student is assigned to the service on the 5th and 6th weeks of the clerkship, they are to work on the weekend preceding the start of the 5th clerkship week.

Students have a duty hours policy that is similar to the residents' duty hours policy. They are given both weekend days off while on the outpatient portion of their clerkship. Thus they have more than the allotted time off (5 days) during the clerkship. Also, short calls are exempt from the "time away between shifts" policy of 10 hours. The reason behind this is that we would have no choice but to keep the student in the hospital where sleep is of poorer quality if we did not exempt these shifts. Thus this is a benefit to the student in that they do not have to do overnight call.

- IPS and Maternity Hours: 6am to 6pm Monday through Friday; weekend times will vary depending on attending and patient volume, ask the attending/senior resident BEFORE the weekend.
- Nix Hours: 7am to 5pm Monday through Friday; weekend times will vary depending on attending and patient volume, ask the attending/senior resident BEFORE the weekend.