

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE- POLICY PGY4 WEEKEND HOME CALL

BACKGROUND:

In academic year 2019-2020, the PGY4 class consisted of only five, instead of the usual six residents, which would have resulted in significant duty hours violations without any changes to weekend call responsibilities. As such, a home-call system was developed, as outlined in the Clinical and Educational Work Hours SOP: 24+4 Weekend Rounding Weekend Rounding SOP. This system was noted to effectively eliminate duty hours violations for the PGY4 class during the 2019-2020 academic year, with only a marginal decrease in surgical (as assessed by ACGME Procedure Logs) and clinical experiences. At the request of the 2020-2021 PGY4 class, we agreed to retain this home call system for the 2020-2021 academic year.

As expected, in academic year 2020-2021, this system continued to serve to effectively eliminate duty hour's violations for the PGY4 class, while providing safe care to patients on the weekends. However, disruptions to surgical and clinical experience due to the COVID-19 pandemic underscored the importance of maximizing existing surgical and clinical experiences for all residents to ensure adequate training.

In addition, the language of the existing SOP included a significant reliance on individual faculty discretion as to the circumstances under which the PGY4 would be expected to be called in to the hospital, which unfortunately resulted in different and sometimes conflicting interpretations of the appropriateness of calling in the PGY4.

PURPOSE:

The aim of the proposed changes are three-fold:

1. To retain the advantages of the current system with regard to resident clinical work hours.
2. To maximize resident surgical and clinical educational experience in the setting of ongoing disruptions in training due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. To improve resident and faculty wellness by providing clear and consistent expectations for the PGY4 home-call role.

PROCEDURE:

After the First Six Weeks of the Academic Year: Chief Home Call Saturday and Sunday

One PGY4 will cover the entire weekend rounding and back-up responsibilities via Home Call. This includes being immediately available (i.e., able to arrive at the hospital within no more than 30 minutes of being called) from Saturday at 0700 through Sunday at 1900.

The PGY4 may arrive at any hour (per discretion of the Onc attending) to complete Onc rounds as they will not be working a 24-hour shift. The PGY4 will round on the Onc service, place all orders/tuck the service in and come to L&D to sign out to the PGY2 who will be the "In House"

primary/emergent contact for the Oncology Service and huddle with the L&D attending and resident team to discuss any pending surgical cases.

The PGY4 will receive Onc service pages from home and "trriages" the pages, utilizing the PGY2 to evaluate the patient in any urgent situation, and otherwise addressing pages as appropriate to the clinical situation. The PGY 4 will be called in for all cesarean deliveries, non-emergent operative deliveries, all GYN surgeries, and any Onc consults or admissions.

The PGY2 or the PGY4 will do evening Onc rounds, depending on acuity of the service and the preference of the attending.


The PGY4 is expected to attend (virtually or in-person) L&D PM Board sign out on Saturday at 1945.

The PGY4 will continue to be the primary point of contact for the Onc fellow and/or attending (not the PGY2).

There will remain a PGY2 back-up resident to be called in at the discretion of the on-call attending for excessive volume, but not acuity requiring a PGY4.

In any circumstance in which the back-up attending is called, the PGY4 should expect to be called in as well.

APPROVALS:

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