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PURPOSE

GME Programs, in partnership with Creighton University, must design an effective program structure that is configured to provide residents with educational and clinical experience opportunities, as well as reasonable opportunities for rest and personal activities.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Creighton University Obstetrics and Gynecology residents and fellows and their respective programs.

POLICY

The following is in addition to standard ACGME and Creighton University duty hour policies.

- Continuous onsite duty, including in house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 4 additional hours to do transition of care activities and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care. Log in New Innovations your time as “Transition of Care,” where applicable. No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty.
- Residents who intentionally misrepresent the number of hours they have worked will be given a warning. Subsequent infractions will result in being placed under review, then probation, and finally consequences up to and including termination. The specific final consequence will be dependent upon the decision of the program director and chairman and must be reported to the Graduate Medical Education Office.
- If any resident is asked to misrepresent their duty hours by a faculty member this will be reported to the GME office and further action will be according to GME institutional policy.
- If a resident is recognized to show signs of fatigue compromising their ability to perform their duties or drive home; the in-house supervising faculty will assume the resident’s duties. The call room is available for sleep, or the resident can ask for a ride home via taxi voucher.
- Duty hours need to be logged on a weekly basis. The Program Coordinator will evaluate logging history every week. If no logging activity for the prior seven days is noted an email will be sent as a reminder.
- At-home call
 - Must not be so frequent as to preclude rest and reasonable personal time for each resident.

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- Residents taking at-home call must be provided with one day in seven completely free from all educational and clinical responsibilities, averaged over a four-week period.
- When residents are called into the hospital from home, the hours residents spend in-house are counted toward the 80-hour limit. Resident will use the “Home Call – Called In” option to log these hours in New Innovations.
- When residents are on at-home call and triage a call or work remotely in a chart, this time is logged using the “Home Call – Not Called In” option in New Innovations.
- When residents are on at-home call and do not receive any calls, then no work hours are logged for this time in New Innovations.
- Does not require a rest period after assignment.

See institutional policy.

REFERENCES

<https://www.acgme.org/>

AMENDMENTS OR TERMINATION OF THIS POLICY

Creighton University reserves the right to modify, amend or terminate this policy at any time.

The GME policy supersedes all program level policies regarding this area/topic. In the event of any discrepancies between program policies and the GME policy, the GME policy shall govern.