

Policies and Procedures

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PURPOSE

In compliance with the ACGME Institutional and Common Program Requirements, it is the goal of Creighton University to outline the departmental policy on Clinical and Education Work Hours for the residents in the Diagnostic Radiology Residency Program at Creighton University School of Medicine (Phoenix).

SCOPE

This policy applies to all residents in the at Creighton University School of Medicine (Phoenix) Diagnostic Radiology Residency Program.

DEFINITIONS

Clinical and Educational Work Hours: Clinical and educational work hours are inclusive of all in-house clinical and educational activities, clinical work done from home, and all moonlighting. It does not include educational activities, research or studying done at home.

Work from Home: Types of work from home that must be counted include using an electronic health record and taking calls from home. Reading done in preparation for the following day's cases, studying, and research done from home do not count toward the 80 hours. Resident decisions to leave the hospital before their clinical work has been completed and to finish that work later from home should be made in consultation with the resident's supervisor. In such circumstances, residents should be mindful of their professional responsibility to complete work in a timely manner and to maintain patient confidentiality.

POLICY

The departmental policy on Clinical and Education Work Hours is outlined below, along with a link to access Creighton University GME policy.

The ACGME states that specific provisions related to work hours include:

- Residents are limited to a maximum of 80 work hours per week, averaged over a four-week period. This includes in-house call, at-home call, clinical work from home, internal/external moonlighting, volunteer 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. One day is defined as one continuous 24-hour period free from all clinical, educational, and administrative duties.
- Adequate time for rest and personal activities must be provided. This should consist of an 8-hour period between all work hours and after in-house call
- In-house call must occur no more frequently than every third night, averaged over a four-week period.

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- Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to four additional hours to transfer care of patients. No new patients may be accepted after 24-hours of continuous duty. Residents must have 14 hours free of clinical work and education activities after 24 hours of continuous in-house call.
- The program director (PD) and the supervising faculty must monitor the daily demands and responsibilities of each resident and make scheduling adjustments and/or provide back-up support as necessary to mitigate excessive service demands and/or fatigue.
- Monitoring of work hours is ultimately the responsibility of the PD. Residents are required to log all work hours in New Innovations by the 7th of each month. This will be reviewed monthly by the program coordinator and reported to the PD to ensure compliance with ACGME requirements.

REFERENCES

ACGME

Creighton University GME Policy link:

https://medschool.creighton.edu/sites/medschool.creighton.edu/files/clinical_and_education_work_hours_policy_9.15.2020.pdf

AMENDMENTS OR TERMINATION OF THIS POLICY

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

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