

## ***Policies and Procedures***

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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 education and clinical experience opportunities, as well as reasonable opportunities for rest and personal activities.

### **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all Creighton University residents and fellows and their respective programs, and applies whether programs are ACGME accredited or not.

### **POLICY**

The CHI Health- Creighton University Department of Radiology Residency Program has implemented and supports the institutional policy, in accordance with ACGME policy on duty hours as stated below.

1. The duty hours of all residents must be limited to 80 hours per week, averaged over a four-week period, inclusive of all in-house call activities.
2. RRC does not grant exceptions for Radiology.
3. Residents must be provided with 1 day in 7 free from all educational and clinical responsibilities, averaged over a 4-week period, inclusive of call. One day is defined as 1 continuous 24-hour period free from all clinical, educational, and administrative duties.
4. Adequate time for rest and personal activities must be provided. This should consist of a 10-hour period between all daily duty period and after in-house call.
5. In-house call must occur no more frequently than every third night, averaged over a 4-week period.
6. Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 4 additional hours to transfer care of patients. No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty.
7. At-home call institutional rules do not apply to radiology.

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8. The program director and the 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.
9. Because residency education is a full-time endeavor, moonlighting activity is only allowed with approval of the residency program director and must be in compliance with the departmental and institutional moonlighting policies. Please see the moonlighting section for further details.
10. Monitoring of duty hours is ultimately the responsibility of the program director. Residents are required to maintain a log of duty hours. This needs to be reviewed on a monthly basis by the Program Coordinator and reported to the Program Director to ensure compliance with ACGME requirements. Non-compliant residents will need to visit with the PD.
11. The Creighton University Graduate Medical Education Office will perform random audits of residency programs to ensure duty hour tracking and compliance with institutional duty hour policy. The Graduate Medical Education office will also monitor distribution of its policies to all faculty and residents.

### **AMENDMENTS OR TERMINATION OF THIS POLICY**

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

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