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Duty Hours Policy – Clerkship and Enrichment Phases

In no cases are medical students to exceed ACGME requirements for residents.

Specifically:

- Duty hours are limited to 80 hours per week, averaged over 2 weeks. Clinical work specifically related to patient care from home counts toward duty hours. Completing other clerkship requirements and studying for exams do not count toward duty hours.
- Medical students have at least 10 hours, free of duty between scheduled duty periods.
- Students have at least 1 day off per 7-day week, averaged over 2 weeks.
- Students may not work more than 24 hours consecutively. Students must have at least 14 hours free of clinical work after 24 hours of clinical assignments.
- For students on “at home availability” (home call), work from home will count toward the 80-hour total

Students do not take call on the Wednesday night prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday and may leave that afternoon after all their patient care responsibilities have been completed.

Students do not take call on the Friday PM prior to the Spring Holiday and may leave after all their patient care responsibilities have been completed.

Students do not take call the night prior to the NBME Subject Examination. Patient care responsibilities will conclude by 5pm the day prior; after that students may leave.

Adherence to these policies are monitored by the Clerkship and Enrichment Curriculum Committee, reviewed on a biannual basis and modified as appropriate.