



Complete Policy Title	On Call Policy
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Purpose

This policy describes the parameters by which the Clerkship will make decisions about maximum on call expectations for learners in the MD Program.

It is recognized that on call activity presents a valuable learning opportunity for our students and therefore is a necessary means to achieve the required competencies of the MD program.

Each Clerkship rotation will be responsible for determining their own call expectations with guidance from the PAIRO-CAHO guideline. The expectations within a Clerkship may vary between campus and/or site. Although there may be variances between sites, educational experience across sites must be consistent in accordance with LCME/CACMS accreditation standard ED-8.

All call expectations will be clearly laid out on Medportal including variations between sites.

Each clerkship will be responsible for assessing their compliance with the on call policy by means of student survey at the completion of each rotation.

Call expectations will be reviewed every two years by the Clerkship committee or may be reviewed at any time at the request of faculty, learners or the MD program.

General guidelines regarding call expectations can be summarized as follows:

- Maximum in-house call will be considered 1:4
- Maximum home-call will be considered 1:3
- Learners should be excused from clinical activity in the morning following in-house call
- Learners should be excused from clinical activity and/or scheduled academic activities in the morning following home-call if they are clinically active for 4 or more hours in the evening extending past midnight by at least one hour or between the hours of midnight and 6am
- If it is considered essential that the learner attend academic activities then they should be excused from call by 2300h
- Learners will be excused from call at 2300h prior to an examination
- For those rotations doing 12 hour shifts, there must be 12 hours between the end of one shift and the start of another
- Learners will be excused from call activities by 0900h on the last Sunday of the rotation in order to allow for travel to their next rotation site

There may be individual circumstances that require deviation from the above guidelines, and these will be considered as necessary.

Violations of this policy should be reported to the Clerkship Director of the specific rotation during which the infraction occurred. Repeated violations will be discussed with the Clerkship Chair and/or Assistant Dean as necessary.