

MACORTHO – RESIDENT CALL POLICY

INCOMING PGY1 CALL
<p>New incoming PGY1 residents need to be backed up for the first 3 blocks at the start of the academic year for the following sites: SJH, MUMC and JHCC. A PGY1 resident can always request for more back up if they feel they are not ready to take solo call.</p> <p>For the HGH site, PGY1 residents need to be backed up for the first 6 blocks. Afterwards, they can take solo call only if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The resident feels comfortable doing so;• If the Chief/Supervisor feels they are ready to take solo call;• If they are at HGH for more than one block. <p>The first month for all residents at a new site needs to be backed up regardless of the block (ex: resident at SJH in block 10 needs to be backed up), however this can be changed at the discretion of the CTU Director and/or the Chief.</p> <p>A fellow at any site can back-up any junior resident on call.</p>
RESEARCH BLOCK
<p>A resident on research block will take a maximum of 4 calls per block. A request from a Chief for more call coverage of a resident on a research block at any given site needs to be approved by the Program Director or Associate Program Director.</p>
ELECTIVES
<p>There will be no Research or Community rotations scheduled for the first 3 blocks (July to September) in order to have sufficient back-up coverage for the PGY1s. Elective rotations during the first 3 blocks are discouraged and will require approval from the Program Director or Associate Program Director. A study block will remain in early spring for those writing the Royal College exam that year and approval for electives during the study block needs to be approved by the Program Director or Associate Program Director.</p>
Night Float at SJH
<p>Night float (NF) day to day procedures:</p>

- The two NF residents in a given block are not assigned to a specific subspecialty, to allow flexibility in staff assignments.
- Non-NF residents should be assigned to staff based on their respective rotations first
- If possible, both NF residents should be assigned to the same staff for the duration of the block
- The resident who is on NF can help with rounding on their assigned staff's patients in the AM (the two NF residents can figure out details based on volumes)
- The resident on NF can attend teaching sessions if any, but **MUST GO HOME BY 8AM**
- **Please never ask the resident on NF to stay back and help during the day**, as they are on call again that night – if there are daytime coverage issues, this may be related to resident numbers, and should be taken up with the CTU director and/or program director

Call scheduling for non-night float residents at Joe's:

- There are a total of SIX weekend shifts at Joe's, and EIGHT Tuesday fly-in shifts at MUMC/JHCC
- When there are 3 non-NF residents who can take solo call:
 - Each will do 2 to 3 weekend shifts at Joe's
 - Each will do *no more than* 3 fly in shifts, max total should be **no more than 6**
- When there are 2 non-NF residents who can take solo call
 - Each will do 2 weekends and 4 Tuesdays for a **max total of 7 shifts**
- The Joe's chief will assign these residents to MUMC or JH on Tuesdays only, as they are aware of vacation/off call requests

Call scheduling for chiefs at JH/MUMC:

- You can either leave Tuesdays blank on your call schedule, or assign a PGY1/off-service who needs backup (this is helpful to bridge the gap if someone is finishing up a later day at SJH)
- Notify people on day call on Tuesdays that they will be handing over to a fly-in resident from SJH

Time off on night float:

- For those assigned to NF
 - Ideally, the two night float residents should be slotted in as R2A and R2B according to the template prior to booking vacation, as this will make things easier.
 - This should be done in conversation with the chief and the NF residents
 - At this point, a decision can also be made as to whether stagger the residents for the two blocks or to alternate the assignment (NFA vs NFB)
 - This can be done months in advance without accounting for the other residents on the block
 - The resident assigned as NFB can take time off from Day 12-17, and from day 22-25 (they are also post call Days 11 and 21)
 - The resident assigned as NFA can take time off from Day 1-3, Day 8-11, Day 19, Day 20, and Day 26-28 (also post call Days 7, 18, and 25)

- Each resident can be off on the weekends where they are NF, but not on the other weekends unless the chief works out an alternate arrangement that works for everyone without disrupting anything
- For those not assigned to NF
 - Two residents should be available for call every Tuesday

The residents should be available for weekend call 1-2x/block; this is in principle no different than standard block weekend call scheduling

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