

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

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Creighton University Gastroenterology fellows.

POLICY

Clinical and Education Work Hours Policy

The schedule has been arranged to ensure reasonable work hours for trainees. Fellows may not exceed 80 hours per week of in-house duty averaged over a four-week period. There is no in-house call requirement for gastroenterology. Work hours, including those hours worked returning to the hospital on call and hours spent on patient care at home, are monitored monthly by the program director (and/or associate program director) and the program coordinator.

Fellows track work hours via the New Innovation electronic system and are required to report the circumstances for violations of work hours. The program director reviews to justify the violation or will discuss with the fellow on how to avoid violations in the future.

If a fellow is too fatigued to complete assigned duties due to the on-call work load, he/she should communicate with the program director or the assigned attending physician about leaving early and having another trainee assigned to the clinical duties. The faculty member or program director will be responsible for assuming or reassigning the clinical work.

In most circumstances, fellows will have at least eight hours away from the hospital between scheduled duty periods. If medical necessity or educational opportunity result in a breach of the eight-hour duty-free time, the hours worked should be forwarded to the program director.

The program has adopted the following mitigation of fatigue policy:

1. The attending physician is readily available to assume patient care responsibility whenever a fellow identifies they cannot perform their patient care duties.
2. The division gives utmost importance to patient care and safety. We do not have a cap of how many patients a fellow can see in a day. However, since fellows are under constant supervision of

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an attending physician, the attending physician will assume patient care duties immediately from the fellow if it is perceived that patient safety is being threatened by action of the fellow.

3. Mid-level providers are available as needed to assume patient care responsibilities and assist attending physicians in patient care if the fellow has to take off on short notice as a result of any unexpected circumstance.

REFERENCES

Creighton University Policy

House Staff Agreement Contract

AMENDMENTS OR TERMINATION OF THIS POLICY

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

In the event of any discrepancies between program policies and this GME policy, this GME policy shall govern.