

## ***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 fellows with educational and clinical experience opportunities, as well as reasonable opportunities for rest and personal activities.

### **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all Creighton University Infectious Diseases fellows.

### **POLICY**

Clinical and educational assignments must be assigned while recognizing that faculty and fellows collectively have responsibility for the safety and welfare of patients. The ACGME common program requirements recognize that fellows may choose to work beyond their scheduled time or return to the clinical site during a time off period to care for a patient. The requirements preserve the flexibility for fellows to make those choices if fellows recognize the responsibility to work rested and fit for duty.

### **PROCEDURE**

Fellow Logging:

- (i) Fellows are required to document their work hours at minimum monthly in New Innovations.
- (ii) In the case of a work hour violation, the resident must document on why there was a violation. The program director will then review and document on that violation. A violation may be justifiable, but the program director must approve. Please see the section on flexibility to see examples of what is justifiable.

Time off between scheduled clinical work and education periods:

- (i) Fellows should have eight hours off between *scheduled* clinical work and education periods.
- (ii) Fellows must have at least 14 hours free of clinical work and education after 24 hours of in-house call.

Days off:

- (i) Fellows must be scheduled for a minimum of one 24-hour day in seven free of clinical work and required education. This can be averaged over four weeks to allow flexibility in scheduling time off. Home call cannot be assigned on a free day.

Flexibility at fellow's discretion:

- (i) There may be circumstances when fellows choose to stay to care for their patients beyond a work period or return to the hospital with fewer than eight hours free of clinical experience and education. This must occur within the context of the 80-hour work week and the one day off in seven requirements.

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### **REFERENCES**

<https://www.acgme.org/>

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

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

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