

**Frequently Asked Questions: Neuropathology**  
**Review Committee for Pathology**  
**ACGME**

**Duty Hours**

**What is the optimal clinical workload for fellows?** *[Program Requirement VI.E.]*

The program director must make an assessment of the learning environment with input from faculty members and fellows. There must be an adequate clinical workload to develop competency in all areas specified in the program requirements. Optimal workload may vary from program to program, and will depend on the patients, patient material, program resources, and testing/consultations/procedures done in the primary and participating sites. Clinical workload should include patients and patient material for testing, as well as study sets and other case-based teaching tools.

**Are there any circumstances under which fellows are permitted to stay on duty or return to the hospital to care for their patients, even if doing so results in fewer than eight hours free of duty between scheduled duty periods?**

*[Program Requirement: VI.G.5.c).(1)]*

Fellows may stay on duty or return to the hospital to perform intra-operative consultations, including frozen sections, touch preps, and squash preps, as well as for emergent brain removal for special studies where brain tissue must be frozen/fixed within a certain period of time.

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