

ACGME-Approved Specialty Specific Duty Hour Language

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Allergy & Immunology	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. a) A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	
Anesthesiology	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care. a) During the six additional hours, residents may not administer anesthesia in the operating room for a new operative case or manage new admissions to the ICU. The resident should not manage non-continuity patients in the six hours post-call.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. a) A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	VI.D.3. Adequate time for rest and personal activities must be provided. This should consist of a 10-hour time period provided between all daily duty periods and after in-house call. The Review Committee will not consider requests for a rest period of less than 10 hours. VI.E.5. On-call activities present the resident with the challenges of providing care outside regular duty hours. Therefore, on-call activities, including those that occur throughout the night, are necessary components of the education of all residents. VI.G.4. The Review Committee for Anesthesiology will not consider requests for an exception to the limit to 80 hours per week, averaged monthly.
Colon & Rectal Surgery	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty.	

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Dermatology	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. a) A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	
Emergency Medicine	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. a) A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	VI.E.4.d. While on rotations to other services, the above standards apply. However, when emergency medicine residents are on emergency medicine rotations, the following standards apply: (1) As a minimum, residents shall be allowed an average of one full day in seven days away from the institution and free of any clinical or academic responsibilities, including planned educational experiences; (2) While on duty in the emergency department, residents may not work longer than 12 continuous scheduled hours. There must be at least an equivalent period of

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			<p>continuous time off between scheduled work periods; and,</p> <p>(3) A resident should not work more than 60 scheduled hours per week seeing patients in the emergency department and no more than 72 duty hours per week. Duty hours comprise all clinical duty time and conferences, whether spent within or outside the educational program, including all on-call hours.</p> <p>VI.F.3. Activities that fall outside the educational program may not be mandated, nor may they interfere with the resident's performance in the educational process as defined in the agreement between the institution and the resident.</p> <p>VI.G.3. The Review Committee will not grant an exception to the applicable duty limits described above.</p>
Family Medicine	<p>Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.</p>	<p>No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty.</p> <p>a) Patients seen past call during a morning continuity session in the FMC are not considered new patients.</p>	<p>VI.D.3. Adequate time for rest and personal activities must be provided. This should consist of a 10-hour time period provided between all daily duty periods and after in-house call. The Review Committee will not consider requests for a rest period of less than 10 hours.</p> <p>VI.G.2.a. The Review Committee for</p>

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	<p>a) For family medicine programs, the only out-patient activity allowed is the scheduled continuity office hours in the FMC, and/or self-directed activities. No other clinical duties are permitted. FM residents may not have continuity office hours in the afternoon or evening following an overnight call responsibility. Directors are responsible for anticipatory scheduling to avoid having to cancel patient appointments for afternoon FMC continuity sessions following overnight call.</p> <p>b) For programs using a night block rotation, residents may have their continuity office hours in the FMC either before or after the night block hours, as long as there are 10 hours of rest between assigned duties and all other duty hour rules are addressed.</p> <p>c) Residents should also be available for critical events in the lives of their continuity patients such obstetrical delivery throughout their three years of training, but with the understanding that their subsequent schedules should be adjusted, as necessary, to comply with the duty hours restrictions.</p>		<p>Family Medicine will not consider requests for an exception to the limit to 80 hours per week, averaged monthly.</p>
Internal Medicine	Continuous on-site duty, including	No new patients may be accepted	VI.G.3.a. The Review Committee for

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	in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	after 24 hours of continuous duty. a) A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	Internal Medicine will not consider requests for exceptions to the limit to 80 hours per week, averaged monthly.
Medical Genetics	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. a) A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	
Neurological Surgery	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. a) A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	
Neurology	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. a) A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	VI.E.1. In-house call must occur no more frequently than every third night, averaged over a four-week period. a) Residents must provide on-call duty in the hospital. b) In-house call is required to provide

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			<p>the experience of primary coverage for already-hospitalized inpatients and initial evaluation and treatment of urgent admissions to neurology or consultation patients. In most instances, practicality and optimal quality of care will necessitate that residents sleep in the hospital when providing such care. Under some conditions, it may be permissible for this call to be taken from home. If at-home call causes frequent interruption or significant deprivation of sleep, it should be considered equivalent to in-house call with respect to duty hours; that is, the entire night must be included in the calculation of total on-duty hours per week, and the 10 hour rest period and the 24+6 rule must be triggered. It will be the program director's responsibility in consultation with residents and other faculty to establish rules to assure that the spirit of the duty hours is respected, regardless of the nature of call.</p> <p>VI.G.4. The Review Committee for Neurology will not consider requests for exceptions to the limit to 80 hours per week, averaged over a four week period.</p>
Nuclear Medicine	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty.	

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Obstetrics/Gynecology	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty, except in outpatient continuity clinics.	
Ophthalmology	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. a) A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	
Orthopaedic Surgery	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. a) A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the orthopaedic surgery service or department has not previously provided care. The resident should evaluate the patient before participating in surgery.	

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Pathology	<p>Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.</p>	<p>No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty.</p> <p>a) A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.</p>	
Pediatrics	<p>Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.</p>	<p>No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty.</p> <p>a) A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not provided care during the previous 24 hour period, or who is not a part of the resident's continuity panel or the panel of the resident's continuity team, if such exists.</p>	<p>VI.D.3. Adequate time for rest and personal activities must be provided. This should consist of a 10-hour time period provided between all daily duty periods and after in-house call.</p> <p>a) The Review Committee will not consider requests for a rest period of fewer than 10 hours.</p> <p>VI.E.1. In-house call must occur no more frequently than every third night, averaged over a four-week</p>

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			<p>period.</p> <p>a) While continuity of care remains a priority, morning and afternoon continuity clinics after residents have had a 24-hour duty period may be cancelled up to a frequency of one time per month (four weeks) per resident. Post-call residents may not attend other clinics, such as subspecialty clinics.</p> <p>VI.G.3. The Review Committee for Pediatrics will not consider requests for exceptions to the 80 hour limit to residents' work week.</p>
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	<p>No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty.</p> <p>a) A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.</p>	
Plastic Surgery	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	<p>No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty.</p> <p>A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.</p>	
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Medicine	in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	after 24 hours of continuous duty. a) A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	
Psychiatry	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. a) A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	VI.E.1. In-house call must occur no more frequently than every third night, averaged over a four-week period. a) On psychiatry rotations, in-house call must occur no more frequently than every fourth night, averaged over a four week period.
Diagnostic Radiology	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. a) A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	VI.E.3. The Review Committee for Diagnostic Radiology will not consider requests for duty hour exceptions.
Radiation Oncology	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. a) A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	

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Surgery	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	<p>No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty.</p> <p>a) A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the surgery service or department has not previously provided care. The resident should evaluate the patient before surgery.</p>	
Thoracic Surgery	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	<p>No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty.</p> <p>a) A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the thoracic surgery service or department has not previously provided care.</p>	<p>VI.F.1. Moonlighting must not interfere with the ability of the resident to achieve the goals and objectives of the educational program.</p> <p>a) Because the program of thoracic surgery education is demanding, moonlighting is strongly discouraged.</p>
Transitional Year	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	<p>No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty.</p> <p>a) A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.</p>	<p>VI.E.1. In-house call must occur no more frequently than every third night, averaged over a four-week period.</p> <p>a) In-house call is required to provide the experience of primary coverage for already hospitalized inpatients, and for the initial evaluation and treatment of urgent consultations or admissions on the service to which the resident is concurrently assigned. A resident should not be required to take in-house call on another service without a sound educational rationale for this</p>

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Urology	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. a) A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	