



Policy Title: Duty Hours: Clinical Education/Experiences

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Reviewed By:

T3/4 Subcommittee

Approval Body:

Curriculum Committee (CC)

RELEVANT LCME STANDARD:

8.8 Monitoring Student Time

POLICY STATEMENT:

The LCME states: The medical school faculty committee responsible for the medical curriculum and the program's administration and leadership ensure the development and implementation of effective policies and procedures regarding the amount of time medical students spend in required activities, including the total number of hours medical students are required to spend in clinical and educational activities throughout the curriculum.

CLINICAL POLICY:

Following ACGME guidelines, clinical and educational work hours must be limited to no more than 80 hours per week, averaged over a four-week period, inclusive of all formal clinical and educational activities. Additionally, students must be scheduled for a minimum of one day* in seven free of clinical work and required education when averaged over 4 weeks.

DEFINITIONS:

*A day off is defined one (1) continuous 24-hour period free from all administrative, clinical, and formal educational activities.

CLARIFYING POINTS:

- Clinical and educational work periods for students must not exceed 24 hours of continuous scheduled clinical assignments. Note, however, that up to four hours of additional time may be used for activities related to patient safety, such as providing effective transitions of care, and/or student education, but no additional patient care responsibilities can be assigned to a student during this time. These additional hours of care or education must be counted toward the 80-hour weekly limit.

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