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Subject: 2013-2014 Core Internal Medicine Rotation Schedule - 13 x four week blocks

Sent to All Residency Program Directors and Program Administrators, on behalf of Dr. Heather McDonald-Blumer, Core Internal Medicine Program Director

Dear Colleagues:

For those of you who were present at the May 2012 PGMEAC Meeting, you will recall that on behalf of the Core Internal Medicine Program, I raised the possibility of converting our Program from its current 12 x one month blocks to a system of 13 x four week blocks. From the discussion at the meeting, there appeared to be no significant concerns on the part of other residency programs. However, I recognize that there was not full representation of various departments at that meeting.

Since that time, there has been further discussion within the Department of Medicine. At the present time, there appears to be consensus that moving to the 13 x four week block system has sufficient merit and few enough draw backs to proceed in time for the 2013-2014 Academic Year.

Unless some new concerns are brought forward as a response to this memo, the Core Internal Medicine Program proposes to adopt the following rotation dates (see below) for the 2013-2014 Academic Year. Ideally, it would also incorporate all residents who are doing significant blocks of internal medicine as part of their training. This would affect residents (internal medicine and “off service” non-internal medicine) who were rotating through the clinical teaching units and the various medicine related sub specialties. There are some notable exclusions. For example, senior surgical residents doing their intensive care activity currently undertake rotations based on calendar months. This would not change.

The 2013-14 start and end dates for the Core Internal Medicine rotations are noted below:

BLOCK	STARTS ON	ENDS ON
Block 1	Monday July 1, 2013	Sunday July 28, 2013
Block 2	Monday July 29, 2013	Sunday August 25, 2013
Block 3	Monday August 26, 2013	Sunday September 22, 2013
Block 4	Monday September 23, 2013	Sunday October 20, 2013
Block 5	Monday October 21, 2013	Sunday November 17, 2013
Block 6	Monday November 18, 2013	Sunday December 15, 2013
Block 7	Monday December 16, 2013	Sunday January 12, 2014
Block 8	Monday January 13, 2014	Sunday February 9, 2014
Block 9	Monday February 10, 2014	Sunday March 9, 2014
Block 10	Monday March 10, 2014	Sunday April 6, 2014
Block 11	Monday April 7, 2014	Sunday May 4, 2014
Block 12	Monday May 5, 2014	Sunday June 1, 2014
Block 13	Monday June 2, 2014	Sunday June 30, 2014

I am hoping that our proposed change will not be too disruptive to your program. The increased flexibility that this change would provide to the Core Internal Medicine Program would be significant and would help our residents meet their curriculum requirements, address career choices more effectively, would equalize time spent on rotation, facilitate new call models which will be required to meet 16 hour maximum work days potentially and lastly, would harmonize our rotations with the other internal medicine programs across the Country.

Please let me know promptly of any concerns which you can foresee with regard to your own program at hmcdonald-blumer@mtsinai.on.ca.

Respectfully,
Heather

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