

Attachment 27 – PGY1 Call Schedule

Letter of Understanding re: PGY1 Call Schedule

The first four weeks of PGY 1 residency should be used as an opportunity for residents to become familiar with the new responsibilities of being a resident and with the physical space. It is recommended that before a PGY1 takes solo overnight call following orientation, the resident:

Must have enhanced senior support available to him/her for the first four weeks. Enhanced senior support means additional support provided to residents outside of the normal practice of providing back up or the typical level of supervisory support.

The recommended type of enhanced support during the first 4 weeks of residency would include the following:

For the first two weeks of residency PGY1's will be provided with senior support when on overnight call to familiarize themselves with taking overnight call.

If it is beneficial to the resident for educational reasons, and to the hospital to provide safe patient care, it is recommended that programs consider the option of a "graduated on call period", whereby PGY1's are expected to be on call only until 11 pm with senior support.

After the first two weeks of overnight call or "graduated on call period" with senior support, PGY1's can commence taking overnight solo call, however there must be immediate and direct access to support from a more senior clinician. This support may be in the form of having the Chief Resident, Senior Resident or Staff also on in-hospital call with the resident.

Whenever possible, services should avoid scheduling PGY1's for cross coverage of services.

Services with a high volume and high acuity of patients may wish to defer solo call for a longer period of time than the first four weeks following the completion of orientation.

At the end of the resident's four week post-orientation period, the resident should check in with a Program based Education Lead (e.g. Program Director, Chief-Resident, Site Director etc.) to ensure he/she is sufficiently prepared to begin taking solo call. The Program based Education Lead will also help to provide residents with support and advice should they be experiencing difficulties or require assistance.

Dated at Toronto this 25th day of October, 2014

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