

SURGERY CLERKSHIP CALL PROCEDURES

Students will take call as follows:

Saturday/Sunday call will begin at 6:00 a.m. for students who take call with their team (Good Samaritan, Neurosurgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Pediatric Surgery, Plastic Surgery and Trauma). Students on these services should continue working with their team until 10:00 a.m. the following morning.

Saturday call for students on all other services should work with their team from 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Saturday. At 12:00 p.m. students should report to the SICU at UCMC to start their call shift. If no one from your regular team is in house on Saturday morning, then students should report to the SICU at 6:00 a.m.

Sunday call will begin at 6:00 a.m. and will end at 6:30 a.m. At 6:30 a.m. on Monday students will return to work with their regular team leaving no later than 10:00 a.m. (West Chester students do not need to round with their regular teams the next morning).

Weeknight call (Monday-Friday) will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will end at 6:30 a.m. Students that are assigned call by the Clerkship Coordinator should work with their team during the day and then report to the Night Float or Trauma team at 6:30 p.m.

All call shifts end at 6:30 a.m. the following morning. At this time, students are to rejoin their primary team for morning rounds, followed by cases or clinic until 10:00 a.m. at which time students are to leave all clinical duties. The 10:00 a.m. release time post-call is a requirement and is nonnegotiable.

If anyone on a team is opposed to a student leaving at 10:00 a.m. on their post-call day, please have them contact the Clerkship Director or Coordinator regarding their concerns.

Students are expected to perform clinical patient care while on call. Students are NOT to spend call time studying or sleeping while there are clinical issues to be addressed or while there are active patient care issues. **STUDENTS ARE NOT TO TAKE CALL FROM HOME!** If someone tells you to take call from home, please notify the Clerkship Coordinator or Director.

If the team tells you to go study, please let them know that the Clerkship Director expects you to be working on patient care issues throughout the night.

Much like your daytime service, maximizing the nighttime call educational experience involves being energetic and proactive. This is an invaluable experience that allows students to be more autonomous than during regular hours of the service. Again, ask for continual feedback from residents and faculty.

Students on the following services will take call with their teams:

Good Samaritan Hospital
Neurosurgery
Orthopedic Surgery
Pediatric Surgery
Plastic Surgery
Trauma

Students on the following services will take call at UCMC:

Altemeier
Breast
Burns
Christ
Heuer
Reid
Thoracic
Transplant
Urology
Vascular
VAMC
West Chester

Each student **MUST** take at least one night of weekend call (Saturday or Sunday) during each rotation.

Students should NOT take call the night before a quiz.

Call Procedure Policy

The call schedule is not negotiable and students cannot switch among themselves. Requests for a particular weekend off must be submitted and approved by the Clerkship Coordinator or Director **BEFORE** the first day of the clerkship.

7 nights of call are mandatory on the Surgery Clerkship. Two of these nights must be a Saturday or Sunday. A student can only be excused from call by the Clerkship Coordinator or Director.

Any student that does not take the required 7 nights of in-house call will receive a Conditional grade for the clerkship and will be required to make up the missed call in order to receive a Pass for the clerkship. A Conditional grade is permanent and will remain on your transcript even after a grade of Pass is awarded. Students who receive a Conditional grade are ineligible to receive a High Pass or Honors for the clerkship.