

BRODY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
POLICY FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS ON CALL

The following is the policy for medical students and on-call responsibilities:

1. If a clerkship requires third year medical students to be on overnight, in-hospital call, the department in which the clerkship is offered must provide enough call room space so that each student on call has a bed assigned in a secure room that can be locked. Call rooms must be assigned and segregated based on gender.
2. If a department does not have enough call room space available to meet the above guideline, the clerkship should not require students to stay overnight on call.
3. In the situation where medical students are not required to stay overnight on call, but are assigned to on call responsibilities, it is suggested that students be required to stay until 11:00 PM and then go home for the rest of the night.
4. When medical students are on call they are expected to complete any assigned workups before going home on patients who arrive at PCMH and are seen prior to 11:00PM. If at 11:00 PM there are no patients to work up or cases that involve the medical student's team, it is reasonable to allow the medical student to go home.
5. Medical students assigned to on call responsibilities should make sure their attending and/or supervising resident (resident on call) and on call team know their location or know how to reach them up until 11:00 PM.
6. Medical students should check in with their attending and/or supervising resident (resident on call) and on call team prior to leaving the hospital for the night.
7. The same guidelines apply for fourth year medical students who are enrolled in Acting Internships or Advanced Clerkships that require on call responsibilities.
8. Medical students should discuss issues or concerns related to this policy with specific clerkship directors and/or the Office of Student Affairs.

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