



**Department of Medicine  
Internal Medicine Residency Program**

**SURGE POLICY FOR RESIDENTS**

1. Each upper level resident will take surge call in blocks of approximately 6-7 days at a time throughout the year. Surge residents are residents currently on a non-call month.
2. Since the surge assignments are made prior to vacation requests being submitted for the upcoming academic year, trades will be allowed and should be arranged amongst the residents. Notify the Chief Residents and Housestaff Coordinator for any changes and submit necessary paperwork.
3. Surge responsibilities are defined as covering the call nights as well as daytime and weekend responsibilities of residents on call months who are unable to report to work due to illness, family emergencies, etc. The surged resident will cover for the entire amount of time that the absent resident is unable to assume his/her responsibilities, until that surged resident's block of time has ended. The next resident on the surge schedule will then be surged, if necessary.
4. If at any point during the year a resident finds it necessary to surge a fellow resident, he/she will not be required to make up that time to the surged resident unless the behavior becomes habitual.

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