



**Department of Medicine
Internal Medicine Residency Program**

SURGE POLICY FOR RESIDENTS

1. The surge call schedule is designed to provide support for those residents performing clinical duties who are unable to report to work due to unexpected absence including illness, family emergencies, etc.
2. Each upper-level resident will take surge call in blocks of approximately 3-7 days at a time throughout the year. Surge residents must be on a non-call rotation (i.e., they cannot be on an inpatient rotation nor on continuity clinic). Upper-level residents can be surged to provide support for other upper levels or interns.
3. 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.
4. Surge responsibilities are defined as covering the call nights as well as daytime and weekend responsibilities of residents on call months (i.e., inpatient rotations or continuity clinics) 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.
5. 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. If it appears a resident is habitually utilizing surge call, a discussion with program leadership will occur.

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