



**Department of Medicine  
Internal Medicine Residency Program**

**SURGE POLICY FOR INTERNS**

1. The surge call schedule is designed to provide support for those interns performing ward duties who are unable to report to work due to illness, family emergencies, etc.
2. The intern on surge call must be available 24 hours a day during the dates of his/her surge assignment. If surged, the intern assumes the absent intern's duties and responsibilities within one hour of notification or at the discretion of the Chief Resident. The surged intern will cover for the entire amount of time that the absent intern is unable to assume his/her responsibilities, until that surged intern's block of time has ended. The next intern on the surge schedule will then be surged, if necessary.
3. Interns on consult or ambulatory rotations are eligible for surge call.
4. Switches of surge call assignments are permitted and should be arranged amongst the interns. Notify the Chief Residents and Housestaff Coordinator of any changes and submit necessary paperwork.
5. If at any point during the year an intern finds it necessary to surge a fellow Intern, he/she will not be required to make up that time to the surged intern unless the behavior becomes habitual.

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