



**Department of Medicine
Internal Medicine Residency Program**

HURRICANE EMERGENCY PLAN

1. In the event of a hurricane, the residents and interns who are scheduled to be on-call on the day of predicted landfall (Team 1) should come to work prepared to stay for up to 72 hours. This includes bringing food, water, clothes, and sleeping gear.
2. Team 2 will be the residents and interns originally scheduled to be on-call the following day. These residents will arrive at the hospital the same day and time as Team 1. Team 2's responsibilities will be to assume on-call duties after Team 1 has fulfilled the first 24 hours. If necessary, the two teams will alternate call until relief is available for coverage.
3. The day prior to call, all efforts should be made to ensure that Team 1 and 2 residents/interns can leave work early in the day to afford them time to prepare for extended on-call time, evacuate their families, etc.
4. Residents on Team 1 and 2 and night float residents should report to the hospital no later than 8:00 A.M. on the day of predicted landfall.
5. Post-call residents preparing to leave the morning of landfall can check out to oncoming teams as early as 8:00 A.M.; however, prior to checking out, they are expected to have rounded on their patients, written daily progress notes and orders, and, if possible, discussed the patients with the on-service attending.
6. All non-ward residents continue regular duties until mandatory evacuation is announced or as specified by Chief Residents.
7. Prior to evacuating, phone numbers and destination plans must be left with the Chief Residents.
8. Residents in the process of evacuating must keep their pagers turned on while in radius for any new information.

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