

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY INTERNAL MEDICINE CLERKSHIP

On-Call Policy

Students are expected to participate in in-house call during their Internal Medicine clerkship rotations. The clinical exposure attained while on-call is vital in meeting the educational objectives for the Unit. The frequency of call is a maximum 1 in 4 nights (average of 7 calls in a 28 day period), with a minimum of 1 in 6 nights (average of 4 calls in a 28 day period) depending upon student numbers per rotation site. Call will include no more than 2 weekend days (i.e. Sat/Sun) per 28 day period. Two call days may not be done consecutively (i.e. back-to-back).

On-call hours are from 1700 to 0800 the next day, except on weekends and holidays, when they are from 0900 to 0900 the next day. Students are eligible to be relieved from service at 0900 on weekdays and at 1000 on weekends on the day they are post-call. Students will determine if they wish to leave post-call as dictated by their fatigue level from the previous night. Students must verbally sign over the patients they have been managing to a resident or attending staff prior to going home post-call. The most appropriate person to sign over to will vary by service and housestaff complement on that service.

Students are strongly encouraged to participate in the Wednesday afternoon seminars either in person or by computer even when post-call. Students are responsible for the material presented therein for examination purposes. Attendance is not taken at these sessions.