

**ACGME-APPROVED SPECIALTY SPECIFIC DUTY HOURS LANGUAGE
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003**

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Allergy & Immunology	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 6 additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	V.F.6. The RRC for Allergy & Immunology will not consider requests for an exception to the limit to 80 hours per week, averaged monthly.
Anesthesiology	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care. During the 6 additional hours, residents may not administer anesthesia in the OR for a new operative case or accept new admissions to the ICU. The resident should not manage non-continuity patients in the 6 hours post-call.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	V.F.2.d. Adequate time for rest and personal activity must be provided. This should consist of a 10 hour time period provided between all daily duty periods and after in-house call. The RRC will not consider requests for a rest period of less than 10 hours. V.F.6. The RRC for Anesthesiology will not consider requests for an exception to the limit to 80 hours per week, averaged monthly.
Colon & Rectal Surgery	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 6 additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	

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Dermatology	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 6 additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	
Emergency Medicine	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 6 additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	V.F.6. The RRC for Emergency Medicine will not consider requests for an exception to the limit to 80 hours per week, averaged monthly.

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<p>Family Practice</p>	<p>Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care. For family practice programs, up to six additional hours of post call duty hours may be permitted for on-site rounds of continuing patients on the inpatient service, transfer care of patients, program conferences, scheduled continuity office hours in the FPC, and/or self-directed activities. No other clinical duties are permitted. FP residents may not have continuity office hours in the afternoon or evening following an overnight call responsibility. Directors are responsible for anticipatory scheduling to avoid having to cancel patient appointments for afternoon FPC continuity sessions following overnight call.</p> <p>For programs using a night block rotation, residents may have their continuity office hours in the FPC either before or after the night block hours, as long as there are 10 hours of rest between assigned duties and all other duty rules are addressed.</p> <p>The required minimum number of half days per week in the FPC should remain a priority. However, to facilitate compliance with the duty hour requirements, a program may average the required half days per week over a two-week period. Residents are expected to achieve the required minimum numbers of patient visits per year in the FPC.</p> <p>Residents should also be available for obstetrical delivery of their continuity prenatal patients throughout their three years of training but with the understanding that their post-delivery schedules should be adjusted, as necessary, to comply with the duty hours restrictions.</p>	<p>No new patients, defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care, may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. Patients seen post call during a morning continuity session in the FPC are not considered new patients.</p>	<p>V.F.2.d. Adequate time for rest and personal activity must be provided. This should consist of a 10 hour time period provided between all daily duty periods and after in-house call. The RRC will not consider requests for a rest period of less than 10 hours.</p> <p>V.D.6. The RRC for Family Practice will not consider requests for an exception to the limit to 80 hours per week, averaged monthly.</p>

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Internal Medicine	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 6 additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	V.F.2.d. Adequate time for rest and personal activities must be provided. This should consist of a 10-hour time period provided between all daily duty periods and after in-house call.
Medical Genetics	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 6 additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	
Neurological Surgery	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care. This may include resident participation in the first surgical case of the day.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the neurological surgery service or department has not previously provided care. The resident should evaluate the patient before participating in surgery.	
Neurology	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is one who requires a comprehensive evaluation with significant management responsibilities by the resident.	V.F.6. The RRC for Neurology will not consider requests for exceptions to the limit to 80 hours per week, averaged monthly.
Nuclear Medicine	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain in duty for up to 6 additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	V.F.6. The RRC for Nuclear Medicine will not consider requests for exceptions to the limit to 80 hours per week, averaged monthly.

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Obstetrics/Gynecology	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 6 additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty, except in outpatient continuity clinics. A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	
Ophthalmology	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 6 additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	
Orthopaedic Surgery	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 6 additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the orthopaedic surgery service or department has not previously provided care. The resident should evaluate the patient before participating in surgery.	
Otolaryngology	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 6 additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care. During this time, residents may assist in surgery.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as one for whom the otolaryngology service or department has not previously provided care. The resident should evaluate the patient before participating in surgery.	
Pathology	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 6 additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	

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Pediatrics	<p>Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 6 additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.</p> <p>It should be noted that the intent of the 6 hour post-call period is primarily for concluding continuity of care activities for those patients who were cared for while on-call. Didactic activities, such as on-site rounds, program conferences, or self-directed educational activities, may be conducted during the six hour period post-call.</p> <p>While continuity care remains a priority, the resident may be excused from a continuity clinic following a 24 hour duty period up to a frequency of one time per month (four weeks) per resident. Post call residents may not attend other clinics, such as a subspecialty clinic.</p>	<p>No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not provided care during the previous 24 hour period or who is not a part of the resident's continuity panel, or the panel of the resident's continuity team, if such exists.</p>	<p>V.F.6. The RRC for Pediatrics will not consider requests for exceptions to the limit to 80 hours per week, averaged monthly.</p>
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	<p>Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 6 additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care. Didactic activities may include observation of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures.</p>	<p>No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.</p>	
Plastic Surgery	<p>Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 6 additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.</p>	<p>No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.</p>	

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Preventive Medicine	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 6 additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	V.F.6. The RRC for Preventive Medicine will not consider requests for an exception to the limit to 80 hours per week, averaged monthly.
Psychiatry	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 6 additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	
Diagnostic Radiology	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to six additional hours to participate in didactic activities , transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care. During this time, residents may complete call activities and participate in read-out sessions with faculty of the previous night's cases.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as reading a new study or participating in an interventional procedure on a patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	V.F.6. The RRC for Diagnostic Radiology will not consider requests for exceptions to the limit to 80 hours per week, averaged monthly.
Radiation Oncology	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 6 additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	

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Surgery	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 6 additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the surgery service or department has not previously provided care. The resident should evaluate the patient before participating in surgery.	
Thoracic Surgery	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 6 additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the surgery service or department has not previously provided care. The resident should evaluate the patient before participating in surgery.	
Transitional Year	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 6 additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care as defined in Specialty and Subspecialty Program Requirements.	No new patients, as defined in Specialty and Subspecialty Program Requirements, may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty.	
Urology	Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 24 consecutive hours. Residents may remain on duty for up to 6 additional hours to participate in didactic activities, transfer care of patients, conduct outpatient clinics, and maintain continuity of medical and surgical care.	No new patients may be accepted after 24 hours of continuous duty. A new patient is defined as any patient for whom the resident has not previously provided care.	