



**NEW JERSEY  
MEDICAL SCHOOL**

University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey

Department of Anesthesiology

## **Resident Responsibilities: Beeper Call**

The following rotations include beeper call without any in-house call responsibilities:

1. Cardiac
2. Liver Transplant
3. Pain

While on these rotations, established guidelines must be followed.

1. In-house duties are Monday through Friday, unless otherwise discussed with the Attending Director of the service and Dr. Tilak. Night and weekend call is from home via beeper. Duty hours regulations include:
  - a. 80 hours limit per week of in-house duty; the clock starts ticking when you arrive at the hospital and stops when you leave, even when you remain on beeper call.
  - b. One day out of seven free from clinical duties, including beeper call, averaged over the month.
    - i. When on the Pain service, this free day is Sunday unless previous arrangements have been made with Dr. Kaufman.
    - ii. When on Cardiac and Liver Transplant service, this day may be taken on the weekend or during the week, or these days may in part be accumulated and taken as a whole weekend free; these arrangements must be discussed in advance of the rotation with the director of the service and approved by Dr. Tilak.
2. Pain service responsibilities include but are not limited to: morning acute pain rounds, Wednesday afternoon University Hospital pain clinic, DOC office hours, and Saturday in-house acute pain rounds. Detailed information will be provided by Dr. Kaufman.
3. Residents on Cardiac service will be assigned all cardiac cases; if none are scheduled, then thoracic cases or any other case deemed appropriate will be assigned, including cardiac catheterizations. If a reading day is granted in the absence of cardiac cases, the resident must report to the schedule runner at 7am and be available by beeper.
4. Unless otherwise specified, residents on Liver Transplant will report for in-house clinical duties at 1:00pm, directly to the anesthesia board runner. Standard exceptions include scheduled hepatic resections and any other case deemed appropriate for senior level residents. All efforts will be made to contact the resident if he or she is expected in at 7:00am, however if a resident is post liver transplant or is free from all clinical duties (see 1.b.ii above), then it is the resident's responsibility to check the schedule.

5. A major goal of the rotations is to maximize clinical experience in these subspecialties. Residents are expected to participate in all night and weekend cases unless “free of clinical duty” as discussed in 1.a and 1.b above. If in-house duties exceed 24 hours **or** if ten hours have not elapsed between 24-hour in-house periods, then the resident will be relieved of duty. Any question regarding this issue should be addressed to Drs. Delphin, Davidson, and Tilak.
6. Cardiac and Liver Transplant residents may not be off-duty at the same time. When the Cardiac resident is off-duty, the Liver Transplant resident will cover specialty (Cardiac) beeper call. In the event that both residents desire the same time off, the following will be considered:
  - a. First request
  - b. Seniority
  - c. Appropriately completed request forms
7. It is the resident’s responsibility to log duty hours through [myevaluations.com](http://myevaluations.com); daily input ensures that ACGME guidelines are followed and action taken when needed.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand and agree to abide by the above guidelines. If I have any difficulty fulfilling these responsibilities, I will contact Dr. Davidson.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_