



POLICY ON DUTY HOURS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for duty hours.

II. SCOPE/COVERAGE

The policy applies to all students in clinical rotations.

III. POLICY STATEMENT

In order to provide sufficient time for reading and study, clinical clerkships and course directors should provide student schedules for on-site clinical and educational activities in advance.

IV. PROCEDURE

The duty hour guidelines are as follows:

- Duty hours are defined as all clinical and academic activities related to the program; i.e., patient care (both inpatient and outpatient), administrative duties relative to patient care, the provision for transfer of patient care, time spent in-house during call activities, and scheduled activities, such as conferences.
- Duty hours do *not* include reading and preparation time spent away from the duty site.
- CNUCOM duty hours for students follow the ACGME (Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education) recommendation and guidelines for duty hours as published for first-year residents.

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OFFICE OF RESPONSIBILITY: Office of Medical Education and Accreditation

REVIEW: This policy will be reviewed every three years or more often as needed

REVIEW 1: October 2015