

**Rush University Medical Center
Graduate Medical Education Committee**

POLICY ON HOUSESTAFF DUTY HOURS

1. All Program Directors, Chairmen, Faculty, and Housestaff are expected to be fully informed of the ACGME common duty hour regulations and any program-specific regulations as appropriate and to abide by these regulations. Rush does not permit exceptions to the eighty-hour rule.
2. For each program, the Program Director and ultimately the Department Chairman are responsible for creating and maintaining a housestaff work environment that is compatible with duty hour compliance.
3. Effective July 1, 2007, all housestaff will be required to regularly document their work hours in the **MedHub** information management system at least every two weeks (biweekly). Individual program directors may require more frequent documentation.
Program directors are to monitor this documentation and promptly address any inadequate documentation as well as any noncompliance with duty hour regulations. The Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education is to be informed of such noncompliance in a timely manner.
4. The Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education regularly monitors duty hour compliance of programs and works with Program Directors, Faculty, and Housestaff to develop solutions to situations leading to duty hour noncompliance.
5. The Office of Graduate Medical Education provides required seminars to all Housestaff as well as Faculty to educate them about the effects of sleep deprivation and how to recognize the signs of excessive fatigue.
6. Housestaff are surveyed about duty hour compliance in the annual Rush Housestaff Survey as well as during the GMEC internal review process.

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