

Resident Call

Purpose: To establish protocols and delineate responsibilities in the hospital on-call at night.

A call schedule for each month will be developed by the chief resident. This schedule will be completed and submitted to the residency administrative assistant 6 months prior to the next rotation. The residency administrative assistant will be responsible for typing the schedule and distributing this schedule to the appropriate individuals. The resident will not be on-call in the hospital more than seven nights in a twenty-eight (28) day schedule. PGY-1 residents do not take call (they participate in a night medicine rotation).

Night Medicine and On-call residents must carry pager 741 at all times. All pages must be answered in a very timely manner.

While on call for Family Medicine, the resident is responsible for: 1) all Family Practice admissions, hospitalized patients, and obstetrical patients, 2) walk-in obstetric and gynecology patients with no staff attending physician, 3) any calls that come in through the switchboard requesting a Family Practice Residency physician, 4) all CODES and emergencies that might arise on the UHC campus, 5) Death pronouncements.

Call begins at 4:30 PM and runs through to 8:00 AM the next day on weekdays. On-call residents participate in "Check-out" at 4:30 pm and 7:30 am to provide a quality hand-off for transition of care. On weekends and holidays, call begins at 8:00 AM and continues until 8:00 AM the following day. The back up call resident will always be a PGY-2 or PGY-3 resident who the faculty have determined is qualified to perform back up resident duties. There will also be a family medicine faculty physician responsible for supervising the night-time residents. The back up resident is responsible for orienting the PGY-1 resident to the hospital and call duties.

The faculty physician on the Ward Team is readily available for consultation at all times. The residents may also request that the faculty attending come into the hospital to provide supervision and guidance if needed.