Resident Responsibilities on NMH Night Rotations
Effective from 6/30/09

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the responsibilities of residents rotating on night float rotations.

PERSONS INVOLVED

Residents, Faculty, Program Director, and Surgical Education Staff.

PROCEDURES

Outlined below are the responsibilities of the night float residents rotating at Northwestern Memorial Hospital (NMH):

Resident duty hours on NMH Night Float are as follows:

6:00pm-7:00am, Sunday through Tuesday.
6:00pm-9:00am, Wednesday (Resident attends 2 hours of didactic lectures on Thursday morning)
7:00pm-8:00am, Thursday (Resident attends Friday morning M&M)
6:00pm-7:00am, Friday

All members of the Night Float team will meet at 6:00 am in the sign-out room to “run” all the lists, and determine whether any pending issues exist.

A. Chief Resident (PGY4 or PGY5): The Chief Resident (Chief) has the responsibility to oversee the Night Float Team at NMH.
   1. At the onset of the Night Float coverage, the Chief will decide
      a. Who should see any pending consults handed-off by the day services
      b. Who should scrub in on any cases that are continuing from the daytime that were covered by a resident who must go home
      c. Who will see the cases that start after 6 p.m.
   2. The Chief will carry the Trauma Pager and respond to all Level I Trauma alerts.
   3. The Chief will co-sign notes on Level II Trauma alerts.
   4. All consults will be discussed and assigned to a member of the Night Float team by the Chief. After the consult has been seen, the resident seeing the consult must discuss with the Chief and the Chief must counter-sign all consults. An attending must be notified of any new consult.
   5. The Chief decides which residents will scrub in on operative cases during the night, and will ensure coverage if a junior-level resident scrubs in.
   6. The Chief resident has the option to call an Apprentice back to the hospital at any time if
      a. Night Float Service is overwhelmed
7. The Chief resident is responsible for teaching junior residents, interns and medical students at night.

B. **Intern-I (PGY-1)**
   1. The Intern –evaluates all ER and Inpatient consults
   2. The Intern -1 responds to Level I and Level II Trauma alerts.
   3. Intern -1 is involved in the teaching of medical students
   4. Intern -1 will be available to the Chief for other duties as assigned.

C. **Intern-2 (PGY-1)**
   1. The Intern -2 resident responds to all surgical floor patient needs (11 East, 11 West, 10 West, 16 West, and overflows)
   2. It is the responsibility of Intern -2 to contact the Junior Resident and Chief if assistance is needed
   3. Intern - 2 is responsible for maintaining floor patient lists for all services including new admissions, ensuring that the lists are complete at the time of hand-off to the day services
   4. Intern -2 is involved in the teaching of medical students.

Intern -1 and Intern –2 will switch responsibilities midway through the rotation. The switch date is included on the NMH PGY1 Back-up Weekend Call Coverage schedule. If there are 3 interns on night float, the 3rd individual is utilized where needed most.