

VI.C-ON-CALL ACTIVITIES

Purpose: To ensure divisional compliance with ACGME and University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Medical Education Program regulations and policies related to fellow on-call activities.

Scope: To provide fellows with continuity of patient care experiences throughout a 24-hour period.

Definition: At-home call is that taken outside the assigned institution.

Note-No in-house call is required during the fellowship.

Regulations: At-home call must not be so frequent as to preclude rest and reasonable personal time for the fellow.

Averaged over a four-week period, fellows taking at-home call **must be provided with one continuous 24-hour period free per week.**

If called in, the hours worked, beginning when they arrive, are counted toward the 80-hour work week limit.

This policy **must be distributed to fellows and faculty.**

Responsibilities: Geriatric Fellows are required to take at-home call one weekday night per week and one weekend per month. (When fellows take at home call there is an Attending also on call and available by phone or pager at all times).

They must record on their weekly duty slips any hours they are called in and submit them to the Administrator on a weekly basis.

Fellowship Administrator is responsible for obtaining the weekly duty-hour slips from fellows and processing them for review.

Fellowship Director/Associate Directors review duty-hour slips monthly to assure compliance with the regulations.