

IOWA METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER
Department of Surgery Education
Policies & Procedures

Policy on Resident Physician Responsibilities

Purpose

This policy establishes guidelines for resident physician responsibilities while involved in the education process in the General Surgery Residency at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, VA Medical Center and Broadlawns Medical Center.

Procedure

Residents in the General Surgery Residency at Iowa Methodist Medical Center are required to assume the following responsibilities:

1. Develop a personal program of self-study and professional growth with guidance from the teaching staff.
2. Participate in effective and compassionate patient care, under supervision commensurate with his/her level of ability and responsibility.
3. Participate fully in the education and scholarly activities of their program including the teaching and supervising of medical students and residents of a more junior level.
4. Participate in institutional programs and activities involving the medical staff and adhere to established practices, procedures, and policies of the institution.
5. Participate in institutional committees as assigned and elected.
6. Participate in evaluation of the quality of education provided by the program.
7. Develop and understand of ethical, socioeconomic, and medical/legal issues that affect graduate medical education and how to apply cost containment measures in the provision of patient care.
8. Additional responsibilities specific to the general surgery residency program include the following:
 - a. Complete medical records in an accurate and timely fashion.
 - b. Accurately and promptly report the operative experience (case records) using the ACGME web-based format. (This is of the utmost importance to the qualifications of the resident for Board certification and to the accreditation of the program by the RRC.)
 - c. Complete all online evaluations (rotation and faculty) and any other documents requested at the conclusion of each rotation.
 - d. Mandatory attendance at Surgical Morbidity and Mortality Conferences and Surgical Grand Rounds, unless otherwise excused by the Program Director.
 - e. Teaching conferences are held in the Paradise Conference Room, as scheduled by the chief residents and the Program Director for not less than two hours per week. Attendance for **all** residents is mandatory, except as limited by duty hour restrictions.
 - f. Protect yourself and your patients by consistently and conscientiously observing universal precautions and other infection control measures, including immunization against hepatitis B.

Dress Code

The residency-training program requires extensive contact with patients during various phases of diagnosis and treatment of surgical disease. The residents in the training program represent the department of Surgery Education as well as Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Broadlawns Medical Center and the Veterans Administration Hospital and the attending physicians at these institutions, which they work.

Each resident is issued two long, white lab coats, which will have their names and “Surgery Resident”, embroidered on them. This identifies you as a member of the General Surgery Residency and helps identify you to the patients, nursing staff and other hospital personnel. Surgical residents are expected to comply with the appearance policies of UnityPoint Health – Des Moines, Broadlawns Medical Center, and the VA Medical Center.

Scrubs should not be worn to the M&M and Surgery Grand Rounds Conferences on Thursday mornings, even if you are post-call.

Universal precautions should also be practiced if exposure to blood or body fluids is anticipated. Remember: All patients are assumed to have infections blood or bodily fluids that contain transmissible disease. In any patient contact where exposure to blood or bodily fluids is anticipated, the following universal precaution barriers must be used:

1. impervious gown
2. gloves
3. goggles or other approved eye protection