WEIGHTEND FELLOW POLICY

Policy: Fellow staffing on weekends will be sufficient to meet workload and patient care needs

Procedure:

Weekend Fellow Expectations

Long Call Fellow Duties:

- The long-call fellow will carry the triage pager (888-7000) and is expected to triage all admissions and transfers to the ICU and see new admissions.
- The fellow may need to attend to a patient, on any team, who is clinically decompensating or in need of an urgent/emergent procedure (i.e. central access).
- The faculty should expect the fellow will likely need to leave rounds for either of the above reasons.
- A resident designee may be sent for the purposes of admission or procedure instead of the fellow if ok with the primary team.
- Rounds with their own team if on ICU rotation during that block or if not on service, will round with the team on-call Saturday and remain with that team on Sunday

Surge Fellow Duties:

- The surge fellow (if needed) will act as a free agent and be directed as needed by the long-call fellow. Teams rounding without a fellow on the weekend may page the surge fellow to address acute patient care issues during team rounds or to assist with procedures.
- The surge fellow should expect to round with the team that has the largest patient care workload but may be called out of rounds as patient care issues arise.

Work Flow:

- If the fellow is on-call for the weekend and assigned to a CCM team for that block (White or Blue CCM) then they will round with their team on Saturday and Sunday to preserve continuity as noted above.
- If the fellow is off service (not assigned to CCM for that block) then they will round with the team with the greatest patient load on Saturday and stay with the same team on Sunday to preserve continuity.

A. UNMC Pulmonary Consult/Advanced Lung Fellow Weekend call
1. If there is no consult service resident on for the weekend, the PCCM fellow on the service will have to take call for the day and should see the consult service patients prior to the start of rounds.

2. If a bronchoscopy needs to be done, it is the fellow’s responsibility to call the tech. If a consult is called to the resident, the resident should call the fellow after an initial evaluation and the fellow should see the patient and call the attending.

3. All changes in the call schedule must first be approved by the attending on-call for the weekend in question.

B. UNMC CCM Weekend Call

1. The Chief Fellow makes the CCM call schedule according to protocol and fellows will be assigned long-call on weekdays according to this call schedule.

2. The Chief Fellow assigns the long-call fellow for each weekend.
   - See weekend fellow expectations.

C. VAMC Fellows Weekend Call

1. The fellow covering the VA will take call according to the VA call schedule. The fellow cannot take call for the VA on a night he or she is covering the UNMC service (e.g. surge or internal moonlighting).

2. All call is at-home telephone call but the person on call would be expected to come in for complex patient care issues or patient care urgencies/emergencies.