UNMC Internal Medicine Residency
Duty Hours Policy

The UNMC Internal Medicine Residency Program is committed to compliance with the duty hour rules as outlined by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) (1). Please refer to this document for specifics.

Logging
Residents are expected to log their duty hours into New Innovations at least weekly. All incoming residents receive education on appropriate procedures associated with logging duty hours; these instructions are available for reference on the “Intern Orientation PowerPoint” located on New Innovations.

Monitoring and Reporting
The chief resident reviews duty hour logging and violations at least weekly. Those residents delinquent in reporting will be notified by the chief resident and identify reasons for not reporting on time.

Violations
The chief resident receives daily notifications from New Innovations regarding duty hours logged resulting in a violation of one or more duty hour rules. He/she will review the entry to evaluate if there is an error in documentation and if recurring, provide guidance on proper logging processes. Regarding “true” violations, the chief resident will communicate with the specific resident. They work together to identify the sources of the violation(s) in attempt to mitigate recurrence in the future. A summary report prepared by the chief resident is shared with an associate program director (APD) monthly to evaluate trends. For recurrent “true” violations, the chief resident and APD will initiate direct or systemic changes to minimize future violations.

If a resident feels a duty hour violation may occur, the resident must contact a chief resident or APD immediately.

Moonlighting
All time spent moonlighting must comply with the ACGME’s duty hour rules. Please refer to the program’s Moonlighting policy for more information.

References