

McMaster Pediatric Critical Care Subspecialty Trainee

On-Call Requirements

Background

The Pediatric Critical Care Subspecialty Training Program will adhere to the PAIRO Agreement regarding Maximum Duty Hours (see Item 16.1 – 16.10 in the PAIRO agreement)

The PAIRO agreement states (In summary)

- No hospital department, division or service shall schedule residents for in-hospital call (24 hour) more than seven (7) nights in twenty-eight (28), including two (2) weekend days in eight (8) weekend days over that twenty-eight (28) day period. A weekend day is defined as a Saturday or a Sunday.
- MAXIMUM CALL CALCULATIONS – IN HOSPITAL CALL
- Where a resident is scheduled on a "one-month" rotation that is not 28 days, the following formula would apply, replacing the 7:28 call limitations. (The reference to numbers of days on service is specific to any individual resident, and reflects the number of working days subtracting, as the Collective Agreement requires in Article 16.3, any time the resident is away from the workplace for any reason, including vacation and leaves):
 - 19-22 days on service - 5 calls (24 hr)
 - 23-26 days on service - 6 calls
 - 27-29 days on service - 7 calls
 - 30-34 days on service - 8 calls
 - 35-38 days on service - 9 calls

On-Call Duties for Pediatric Critical Care Trainees at McMaster University

- Monday – Friday On-Call Period: 16:30-07:45
- Saturday – Sunday On-Call Period: 08:30 – 08:30
- Maximum Call:
 - On-call occurrences will be calculated according to the PAIRO calculation model (see above)

General Principles

- The on-call rota is created by the chief fellow according to approved vacation/elective requests
- In all cases, the on-call rota is ultimately approved by the Program Director
- The call schedule will be distributed at minimum 2 weeks prior to the call period
- While every attempt is made to evenly distribute call periods over the course of a 6 month academic period, due to electives, vacation requests and professional leave within the program, it should be expected that the number of calls per month will vary month to month but will remain in compliance with the maximum duty hours according to PAIRO.
- All requests for off-call MUST be received in writing and approved at least one month prior to the call month.
- Any requests for call changes within one month prior to the respective call month will be denied and must be dealt with by the individual trainee as a “switch” with a fellow trainee