

VCUHS Clinical Neurophysiology Fellowship
POLICY ON DUTY HOURS

The Clinical Neurophysiology Fellowship program follows the Virginia Commonwealth University Health Systems (VCUHS) and ACGME policy requirements for fellow duty hours. This is monitored daily under the guidance and supervision of the faculty and by attestation statements signed by the fellows. The program director monitors compliance at quarterly intervals.

The educational goals of the program and the learning objectives of fellows will not be compromised by excessive reliance on fellows to fulfill institutional service obligations. Duty hours reflect the reality which fellows are responsible for continuity of patient care, which can not always be discharged by a specific time.

IN cases where patient care responsibilities are especially difficult or prolonged, the supervising attending will serve as back-up support. When necessary, the attending will relieve the fellow from duty to allow and ensure adequate rest.

Fellowship duty hours and on-call time periods will not be excessive. Typical work hours on weekdays will commence between 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM (depending on the rotation) and end between 5:00 PM and 6:30 PM (again, depending on the rotation). Non-call work hours on any given weekday will not exceed 10 hours.

The fellows will take call from home. Call may be up to 1 week at a time. If the fellow is called into the hospital on any given night of call, he/she will be ensured to have the following evening off.

Duty hours and on-call schedules are structure with focus on the needs of patients, continuity of care, and the educational needs of the resident.

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