



National Capital Consortium Pediatric Residency Program Call-Free and Away Rotation Policy

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All residents have an equal and set number of rotations in the block schedule during which they will not be scheduled for call/duty shifts at Walter Reed Bethesda. The Chief Resident, with input from the resident, determines the placement of these rotations in order to maintain fairness, compliance with duty-hour regulations, and patient care obligations for the home institution.

The standard rotations where no additional call or shifts will be scheduled are:

<u>PGY-1 (three)</u>	<u>PGY-2 (two)</u>	<u>PGY-3 (three)</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNMC Ward • 1 additional rotation block (call-free block) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairfax PICU • 1 additional rotation block (call-free block) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Bragg Nursery • CNMC PICU • 1 additional rotation block (call-free block)

The additional rotation block (call-free block) can be an in-house outpatient elective rotation or an away elective rotation. If a resident does not have any away rotations, he/she is permitted to choose any outpatient/elective block as the call free rotation. ***However, a maximum of one resident from each class (i.e. PGY-1, PGY-2, PGY-3) is permitted to schedule a call free rotation of this type during each block. There are circumstances, based on the number of residents available to work (based on total complement or on absence due to medical conditions or maternity leave), when a time period cannot accommodate a call-free rotation.***

A request for any additional call free away rotation that prevents a resident from taking additional call or shifts may be denied. Under some circumstances, a resident may participate in an additional away rotation if:

1. The resident can make up additional shifts and call during other blocks (a) without violating duty hour regulations AND (b) without missing the minimum requirements of the rotation when the shifts/call will be made up
2. Other residents do not violate duty hours during the time the resident is away
3. The Chief Resident can ensure equal call responsibilities of all residents when averaged over the entire year.

During the winter holiday liberty periods (two 4-day period), all residents not on leave or convalescent leave are expected to have clinical duties during the day time and/or calls/shifts during one of the two periods. This applies even to residents who are on away rotations or who have call-free blocks during the block in which the holiday liberty periods occur.