

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Training Program Supervision and Duty Hour Policy

Department of Hospital Dentistry

A: Policy on Supervision and Assignment

Residents are assigned to a clinical facility by the graduate program director on a rotational basis. The clinical assignments may be at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the College of Dentistry and the Veterans Administration Medical Center. These assignments will include both operating room and clinic environments. All clinical patients are seen by faculty as well as the residents. The faculty is in attendance in the operating room for all patients. There are no resident clinics at the UIHC and the residents have immediate and direct access and supervision by faculty members at all times. A call schedule is maintained which includes weekends and evenings for the faculty with access to the faculty 24 hours a day, seven day a week. The faculty rotation schedule provides coverage at the UIHC and the VAMC and a separate schedule is maintained for the clinical coverage of the College of Dentistry. For after hour coverage, patients requiring oral and maxillofacial surgery staff will have that staff available to provide supervision. For minor non-oral & maxillofacial treatment, the attending Emergency Room Staff may provide supervision to the residents when appropriate. The level of supervision is always direct and may include senior house staff providing assistance to junior house staff but not supervision.

B: Policy on Duty Hours

The chief resident insures that the residents do not exceed the 80 per week limit as prescribed. The residents normal work hours are from 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM on weekdays. Weekend duties may include rounding in the hospital inpatients on Saturday and Sunday requiring approximately one hour of time. During the first two years of residency, in-house call will be required on the weeks of midface trauma and other nights at the discretion of the attending staff. During those two years, the residents take a call between one night out of four to one night out seven. The total hours worked does not exceed 80 hours for any given week. Call rooms are available for each resident on overnight duty and may be used at any time when appropriate. During the third and fourth years of residency, the residents do not take regular call but may be assigned as the trauma chief which involves accessibility seven days a week, 24 hours a day to assist the on-call resident under the supervision of the attending staff. Trauma call is taken in one month blocks and is rotated among the third and fourth year residents. The program insures adequate back-up through the residency structure which is maintained by the chief resident to provide additional coverage if necessary which is then overseen by the attending staff. The program ensures compliance to duty hours by continuous monitoring by the chief resident in conjunction with the graduate program director and compliance is tracked directly by the graduate program director.

These policies are conveyed to the attending house staff as part of their incoming orientation and on a yearly basis when all the departmental policies are reviewed with the house staff.