

**Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship Program  
Policy on Supervision and Assignment of Duty Hours  
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All fellows in the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and our other training site at the Iowa City VA Medical Center are supervised by faculty. An assigned faculty member supervises fellows in ambulatory clinic. Fellows are given increasing responsibility for patient care as they progress through the 3 years of fellowship training.

The Division of Cardiovascular Medicine faculty operates the inpatient service including consult and intensive care unit services. Faculty members staff all inpatient consultations during regular working hours. Weekend and on-call consultation are always reviewed within 24 hours by the faculty physician on-call.

Fellows are informed of guidelines for supervision and are expected to discuss this with the Program Director at any time there is a need to deviate from these policies. The Division Director of Cardiology and the fellowship Program Director meet with the entire group of cardiology fellows on a regular basis.

***Policy on Duty Hours***

The Division of Cardiovascular Medicine policy on fellow work hours follows the guidelines set by UIHC and by the Residency Review Committee of Cardiovascular Medicine. This policy applies to all Cardiovascular Disease fellows. Work hours are not to exceed 80 hours per week, averaged over four weeks. Fellows have at least 1 full day out of 7 away from program duties, averaged over a four week time period. Out of hospital call averages every fifth night or less for all fellows.

Fellows have access to on-call facilities if needed when they take out of hospital call. The chief fellow creates the call schedule after obtaining input from the fellows. Conflicts with this call schedule are directed to the Chief Fellow and the Program Director for resolution.

Duty hours are explained to the fellows during orientation and the policies are located in the CVD Fellowship Program Manual. This information is given to the chief fellows assigned to making out the call schedule and monitoring the compliance is the responsibility of the Program Director. For compliance with duty hours, the fellows are expected to report duty hours to the Fellowship Program Office that will be monitored by the Program Director and Program Coordinator.



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