



Developmental and Behavioral Medicine Fellowship Training Program Supervision and Duty Hour Policy Department of Pediatrics

A. POLICY ON SUPERVISION AND ASSIGNMENT

All fellows in the Division of Developmental and Behavioral Medicine in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics are supervised by faculty. Fellows are assigned to see patients in the Alfred Healy Outpatient Clinic which is staffed by faculty members assigned to that clinic. There are no unsupervised clinics directed by the fellow. Fellows are given increasing responsibility for patient care as they progress through the 3 years of fellowship training. Every patient seen by a fellow is also seen by a faculty physician in the division.

The Developmental Disabilities Inpatient service is located within the General Pediatric service at the Children's Hospital of Iowa. Inpatients are admitted for acute management of medical issues related to their disabilities. This service is run by the Division of Developmental and Behavioral Medicine division faculty. All daily inpatient rounds and care management during regular working hours are staffed by the faculty attending physician including weekends. After hours patient care provided by fellows is staffed by on-call faculty within 24 hours.

B. POLICY ON DUTY HOURS

The Division of Developmental and Behavioral Medicine policy on fellow work hours follows the guidelines set by UIHC and by the Residency Review Committee of the Department of Pediatrics. This policy applies to all Developmental and Behavioral Medicine 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 month's time. Fellows in Developmental and Behavioral Medicine have no required in-house overnight on-call duties.

These policies on duty hours are presented to and reviewed with the fellows at their original orientation to the program, and the fellow is provided a manual for subsequent reference. The faculty too is aware of the expected work hours for the fellow on their service as this is circulated to all faculty at the beginning of the academic year. Monitoring the compliance is the responsibility of the program director. For compliance with duty hours, the fellows are expected to enter duty hours into the electronic information gathering system (i.e., eValue), which will be monitored by the program director.

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