

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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PURPOSE

This policy and procedure outlines the provisions for on-call rooms, meals and lab coats for residents.

POLICY

It is the policy of Temple University Hospital to provide on-call rooms, meals and lab coats to all Hospital residents free of charge.

PROCEDURES

On-Call Rooms

Residents who are required to be on duty in the night hours of hospital operation (7p-7a) as part of their clinical residency responsibilities are entitled to use a specified on-call room in the hospital. On-call rooms are designated and determined by departmental need and available resources within the hospital. Hospital Administration assigns individual rooms or blocks of rooms to departments. Departments are responsible for the assignment of individual residents to specific on-call rooms and for the distribution of keys for specific on-call rooms. Call room assignments by gender segregation is handled at the program level. Males and females shall not be assigned to share common on call rooms.

Residents have the right to expect a clean, safe on-call room. On-call rooms may be furnished differently depending on the size of the room; however, all rooms will have a bed, adequate light and a telephone. When possible, on-call rooms will have bathroom facilities, lockers and computer capabilities. If an on-call room lacks bathroom facilities, residents assigned there will be advised of alternate facilities for their use. On-call rooms are inspected bi-weekly (2x/month)

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for cleanliness, tidiness and compliance. Storage of medical supplies and patient information is prohibited and will be removed upon discovery.

If other individuals are assigned to departmental on-call rooms (medical students, etc.), the highest ranking resident assigned to the room on any given night is in charge of the room.

Meals

House Staff will be provided with a meal allowance when: 1) The individual is on-call in-house 24+ hours overnight. The allowance amount is \$10 per night for weekdays (Monday-Friday) and \$16 per night for weekend call, and; 2) The individual is assigned Night Float or Night Shift working in-house starting prior to midnight and ending after 6:00 am. The allowance amount is \$6 per shift.

Lab Coats

Residents are entitled to three lab coats the first year of training free of charge. One additional lab coat will be provided for each additional year of training free of charge. If additional lab coats are required, a request may be made to the Graduate Medical Education Office. All lab coats are to be uniform in design and style and are to bear the hospital logo patch, the name of the department and the resident's name. Lab coats are ordered within each department via established protocol.

Note: ACGME makes no distinction between interns, residents, and fellows. All levels are referred to as "residents".

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APPROVALS

Note: The signed original of this policy is on file in the Office of Graduate Medical Education

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