

New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center

**THORACIC SURGERY RESIDENCY PROGRAM
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

MONITORING FATIGUE

POLICY:

It is the policy of the program to comply with the NYHP GME Policy, the New York State Department of Health Regulations and with the ACGME policy regarding the monitoring of fatigue in graduate staff.

APPLICABILITY:

All Thoracic Surgery Residents & Fellows

PROCEDURE:

It is the responsibility of the Program Director and Associate Program Director to monitor the on-call and assignment schedules of all graduate staff to ensure that residents receive time for rest, in compliance with NYS and ACGME duty hour regulations.

Any graduate staff member who is experiencing performance limiting fatigue should immediately notify his/her program of his/her state of fatigue. If a program director / rotation supervisor determines that a graduate staff member is too fatigued to perform his/her duties effectively, the program director will arrange for the graduate staff member to be temporarily relieved from all on-call and clinical duties.

It is the responsibility of the Program Director / designee to notify the appropriate individuals of the change in the on-call and clinical assignment schedule.

Faculty and Graduate Staff attend a bi-annual in-service regarding the monitoring of fatigue by the Program Director/Associate Program Director during the Thoracic Surgery Residency Program Review. Faculty and Graduate Staff can also access a list of education resources on the ACGME web-site:

http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/dutyHours/dh_index.asp.

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