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Family Medicine Residency Program Attendance Expectations

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PURPOSE

To outline resident attendance expectations of the Residency Program.

EXPECTATIONS

1. Acceptable absences are those included within the *Resident Physician Agreement* (available on the PARA website).
2. For any absences which are not included in the *Resident Physician Agreement*, individual consideration is at the discretion of the Program Director or designate.
3. Attendance at Academic Days, clinic half-days, workshops, and other scheduled events required for program completion is mandatory. Please refer to the *Completion of Program Guidelines*.
4. The Program Director or designate may require completion of an additional assignment or supplemental activity in lieu of an absence from a mandatory activity.
5. Any unexcused absence may be kept on a resident's permanent file and will require an explanation in writing to the Program.

PROGRAM EXAMPLES

The chart below includes examples of events/activities only, not absences. This is not an exhaustive list.

	Mandatory Events/Activities	Optional Events/Activities
Time Group A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Day • Evidence-based Medicine • Continuity Clinic (clinic half-day back) • Family Medicine Grand Rounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FREzER • Wilderness Medicine
Time Group B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALARM • PALS • NRP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ultrasound course

DEFINITIONS

Any definitions listed in the following table apply to this document only with no implied or intended institution-wide use. ▲Top	
PARA	Professional Association of Resident Physicians of Alberta
ALARM	Advances in Labour Risk and Management
PALS	Pediatric Advanced Life Support
NRP	Neonatal Resuscitation Program
FREzER	Faculty Residents Extravaganza and Educational Retreat
Time Group A	<p>Residents are not required to use any of their vacation or leave entitlements included in the <i>Resident Physician Agreement</i>.</p> <p>For mandatory events/activities, off-service rotations must permit the resident's attendance.</p> <p>For optional events/activities, off-service rotations are not required to permit resident attendance.</p> <p>In all instances, it is the resident's responsibility to ensure appropriate notification of the expected absence and coverage of service, as necessary.</p>
Time Group B	Residents must use vacation or leave entitlements included in the <i>Resident Physician Agreement</i> to attend.

RELATED LINKS

Resident Physician Agreement on the PARA Website – <http://para-ab.ca>