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Family Medicine Residency Continuity Policy (Clinic Half-Day Back)

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PURPOSE

This document defines the expectations for resident clinical continuity with family medicine patients throughout residency.

POLICY

1. Residents are to be scheduled for Continuity Clinics (clinic half-days) to encourage patient continuity throughout the program for all blocks outside of the **PGY1** Family Medicine block time.
2. Each resident is to be scheduled for one half-day per week. This day must then be rigidly adhered to for the remainder of the training program. Changes to this set day must be held at minimum but are possible with sufficient advance notice.
3. Continuity Clinics are mandatory and protected. Off-service rotations must take the mandatory clinic half-day into consideration when creating call schedules.
4. Residents are not allowed to take call the day before their regular Continuity Clinic. Residents may be on call the same day as their Continuity Clinic so long as the resident arranges for call duties to be covered by a colleague until the clinic is completed.
5. Residents are required to ensure that off-service rotations are aware of their scheduled Continuity Clinic. The program will assist residents who are experiencing difficulty in this regard.
6. Residents must attend all scheduled Continuity Clinics.
7. If an unexpected absence occurs, the resident must call the appropriate clinical staff to inform them of the requirement to reschedule the patients with the resident, or with a colleague who is in the clinic that day. Residents who do not make these arrangements or who have unexplained absence from their Continuity Clinic will have this unprofessional behaviour documented in their permanent file. This may have consequences on future attempts to get privileges or licenses to practice. Repeated absences may have consequences determined by the Program Director or designate.

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