

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

Department of Pediatrics – El Paso

# CONTINUITY CLINIC POLICY

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All residents are **required** to have a **minimum of 36** Continuity Clinic half-days per each academic year. The recommended number of Continuity Clinic half-days per year is **42**. We strongly suggest that each Pediatric Resident has **42 or more** Continuity Clinic half-days per year.

## PL-1 Residents

Each PL-1 pediatric resident will be assigned to a site (Patient Care Pod) for continuity clinic commencing of his or her PL-1 year.

Residents will be assigned to the designated site one afternoon per week excluding Wednesdays, which are reserved for the didactic program.

Resident is assigned to a continuity clinic team. Continuity clinic is organized on a team concept. One faculty is leading the team.

Patients are scheduled and resident attendance is expected throughout the year except on approved vacation, post-call or when ill. When resident is on vacation, post-call or ill, the rest of the team members will attend to his/her patients.

## PL-2 Residents

Each PL-2 pediatric resident is assigned to one afternoon continuity clinic per week. The PL-2 will continue to follow established patients from the previous year, hence continuity. There will be no continuity clinic assignments on Wednesdays because of the didactic program. PL-2 resident continuity clinic assignments begin the first week of July, and are organized on a team concept. One faculty is leading the team.

## PL-3 Residents

Each PL-3 pediatric resident will be assigned to one afternoon continuity clinic per week, following the team concept as described for PL-1 and PL-2.

**CONTINUITY CLINIC** statistics are monitored for each resident and discussed during quarterly evaluations. Residents are expected to manage a standard number of patients per half-day clinic at each level:

**PL-1** minimum of 3      **PL-2** minimum of 4      **PL-3** minimum of 5