

TTUHSC at El Paso

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

DUTY HOURS POLICY

July 2011

1. Over a 4-week period, residents' duty hours must average 80 hours per week.
2. One day (one continuous 24 hour period) in 7 must be free of educational and clinical responsibilities.
3. There must be a 10-hour period between daily duties and after in-house call.
4. New patients may not be admitted after 24-hours of duty.
5. If the resident is called to hospital from home, the in-house hours are counted towards the 80-hour limit.
6. At-home call is not counted towards the 80-hours per week.
7. Institutional Supervised Experiences (ISE) are considered part of the 80 hours per week
8. Each resident must submit his/her duty hour log and must report his/her hours at the end of each block rotation. Duty Hour Report is due in the Residency Staff Office by the end of the 5th business day after the end of the block rotation being reported.
9. If at any time a resident is close to approaching the 80-hr limit, the resident must report immediately to the Chief Resident.