

1 **Glossary of Terms Related to Resident Duty Hours**

2 To be inserted into the

3 ***“Glossary of Selected Terms Used in GME Accreditation”***

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5 ***Continuous time on duty:*** The period that a resident is in the hospital continuously, counting the  
6 residents regular scheduled day, time on call, and the hours residents remain on duty after the end of  
7 the on-call period to transfer the care of the patient and for didactic activities.

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9 ***Duty hours:*** All required and formal elective time in the residency program, including (1) patient care  
10 activities that meet educational objectives, including time spent in patient care, on inpatient call and  
11 time required for transferring the care of the patient; (2) patient care activities necessary to acquire  
12 and maintain skills and to meet patient care demands; and (3) didactic activities, such as conferences,  
13 grand rounds and one-on-one and group learning in clinical settings.

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15 ***Home call (pager call):*** Scheduled patient care assignments beyond the normal work day that are  
16 taken from outside the assigned institution. It generally involves residents providing coverage to a  
17 population of patients from their home, with the expectation that they may need to come into the  
18 hospital upon being called, or via the telephone direct junior residents or other health professionals in  
19 providing patient care.

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21 ***In-hospital call:*** Scheduled patient care assignments beyond the normal workday where residents are  
22 required to be immediately available in the assigned institution (generally from evening until the next  
23 morning).

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25 ***Moonlighting:*** Patient care activities external to the educational program that residents engage in at  
26 sites used by the educational program (“in-house” moonlighting) and other clinical sites.

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