

DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY

VANDERBILT  UNIVERSITY
MEDICAL CENTER

Standard Operating Procedure Title: On-Call Schedule and Protocol

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Special requests for nights or weekends that you do not wish to be on-call should be given to the Chief Resident six weeks before that schedule becomes effective. That is, by the 15th day of the month, 2 months before it will be effective. Please check the schedule for any mistakes and let the Chief Resident know of any changes by the first of the month prior to its effective date.

Call changes: After the schedule has been printed, changes can still be made. However, it is your responsibility to find someone who will trade on call assignments with you. Trades must be made between residents of approximately the same level of training. All trade requests must be registered on a form that can be obtained from the control desk. Trades must be approved by the Chief Resident and the Attending in Charge of call request changes. Please check to make sure that the secretary has recorded the changes with the schedules posted in the resident's room, OB, PACU, anesthesia office, and the hospital operator.

The first resident on the list is designated "Team Chief" and is responsible for work assignments of the other residents, liaison with the Attending Anesthesiologist on-call, and coordinating anesthesia staffing for emergency cases.

Holiday and week-end duty always begins at 7:00 a.m.

There is always an Attending Anesthesiologist on-call in the hospital. He/she should be notified of all proposed surgical cases except those under "local anesthesia" without requested "monitored anesthesia care". Usually there will be time to determine the basic facts of the case before calling the Attending Anesthesiologist.