

# EXPECTATIONS FOR JEOPARDY

Jeopardy assignment is considered part of your working duties as a resident. Jeopardy coverage is necessary to avoid situations in which patient care will be adversely affected by resident physician absence. When you are called in for jeopardy coverage there is no obligation on the part of the program for 'pay back', that is, repayment for time lost or inconveniences in scheduling because of jeopardy coverage. If, due to programmatic needs, you are asked to switch rotations outside of jeopardy coverage, the program will attempt to account for any potential loss of educational experience or addition of weekend or holiday work within reason and adhering to the ACGME resident work hour guidelines. If a schedule change is originated at the request of you or a fellow resident and is agreed upon by all parties involved, including the approval of the program, but that change incurs additional work for any of the parties involved, the additional work is considered elective and is not the duty of the program to obviate that additional work.

## Jeopardy Accountability:

**\*\*Please note that when you are jeopardized onto a service that requires you to be overnight (ie night hospitalist, night float, long call resident), you will be responsible for completing that shift in its entirety\*\***

Per resident feedback from prior years, a point system is implemented to keep track of jeopardy use (both requesting and covering). All residents will begin the year with zero points. For the resident who cannot fulfill his/her clinical obligations and requires jeopardy use, points will be deducted on a weighted basis, depending on the clinical scenario and on a per day basis. For the resident called for jeopardy coverage, points will be added on a weighted basis, depending on the clinical scenario and on a per day basis. See table below for per day values of jeopardy coverage.,

## Jeopardy Point System:

5 points	10 points	15 points	20 Points
Jeopardizing to: - Half-day Clinic - Consults(weekday)	Jeopardizing to: - Full day clinic - Wards/ICU non-call (weekday) - VA Geri non-call (weekday) - SM Geri non-call (weekday)	Jeopardizing to: - Short Call (weekday) - Medium Call(weekday) - ED day shift - VA Geri shift - SM Geri short call	Jeopardizing to: - Weekends - ICU/MICU/CCU/Long call - Night hospitalist - Night float - Holidays - ED night shift - SM Geri long call - VA Geri tele call

**\*\*Assignment of jeopardy points may be adjusted at the discretion of the chief residents.**

These points will be tracked throughout the year and will determine priority of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> jeopardy (aka "jeopardy priority") during a given jeopardy back up block (i.e the higher the points, the lower the jeopardy). At the end of the year, points will be evaluated in determining preference

for elective requests and vacation requests for the following year. **The order of jeopardy residents listed on Amion does not reflect the jeopardy priority and should not be interpreted as such.** For any resident on jeopardy back up, and regardless of jeopardy priority, **the resident must be within 45 minute driving distance of the hospital and be able to assume their clinical duties within 90 minutes of being called in.**

In the event that jeopardy is used excessively, in an inappropriate manner or in such a way that it affects your overall training, you may be asked to meet with Dr. Suthar or an associate program director to discuss concerns of professionalism, and with an end result of a letter of unprofessional behavior being placed in your file.

#### **Administrative Time:**

The purpose of administrative time is to facilitate non face to face care for our patients. **People on administrative time during their ambulatory block are the jeopardy back up for clinic on that day.** For any personal medical appointments that are needed, you must obtain approval from your Chief Residents at least one week in advance to accommodate any schedule conflicts that may arise. In the event of an emergency, you must contact the Chief Residents as soon as you are able. This type of approved or emergency absence for personal medical appointments on administrative time will not be included in the jeopardy point system. Please remember that we ask you to try to make these appointments at times that least affect your work schedule.

**You are expected to be in the hospital by 9:30 AM if you have scheduled admin time in the morning, and stay until 3:30 PM if your admin time is in the afternoon. You MUST have your pager on you at all times.** People on administrative time will be first call for clinic jeopardy. Primary Care Continuity clinics will be coverage priority, however you may also be called for Subspecialty clinic coverage. If you do not answer your pages during admin time or are not reachable when needed, you will lose your administrative time in the future.

#### **Step 3 Scheduling:**

For our incoming interns who will be scheduling/taking Step 3 this year, the 2-day test must be scheduled on 1 weekend day and 1 weekday. The weekday test day should preferably be scheduled during a consult rotation. If this is not possible, then the only other time would be during their ambulatory block, during which coverage would need to be assigned. **It is incumbent on the intern to schedule their test early and in a timely manner so that necessary schedule adjustments for coverage can be made.** The intern is exempt from jeopardy rules for the day of their test date as noted above to facilitate ease of scheduling on your part. Please consult your Chief Residents when scheduling your Step 3 exam to help avoid scheduling conflicts and ensure sufficient preparation time.

**Extended Illness or Time off:**

By ACGME guidelines you are only allowed one month off from training per year. In typical circumstances this is accounted for with 4 weeks off for vacation time, such that any additional time away for extended illness or other time off is considered active duty time and therefore will need to be completed at a future date to ensure you meet all your training requirements. This may result in delay of graduation or extension of clinical duties beyond graduation. In addition, in the event of extended time off it is expected that, within reason, there be attempt at payback of colleagues who provided coverage in your absence, though this will be worked out with you and the program administration.

As a final note, the program will perform quarterly reviews of the jeopardy system to identify high utilizers. These residents will be referred to Dr. Suthar for further review which may result in additional clinical responsibilities. It is at the discretion of program administration to change the jeopardy system as it sees fit to ensure safety and security of patient care and equity in residency education.