STATEMENT 3.2.8 – STATUTORY HOLIDAYS FOR CLINICAL CLERKS
Undergraduate Medical Education

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I. PURPOSE

Generally, clerks are required to be present on rotations for statutory holidays if scheduled, notably for Call on those rotations which require Call. There is no “in lieu of” policy, so if you are required to work a stat day, you work the day.

II. DEFINITIONS

STAT HOLIDAY Days in Canada that are celebrated nationwide where federal employees have the day off.

III. STATEMENT

1.0 If the service is closed for the holiday and you get the day off, the day is not counted in one as a day off.

2.0 In all cases, you should check with your immediate supervisor to determine whether you must attend.

3.0 For hospital holidays, like Remembrance Day or Easter Monday, the working conditions dictate whether they are days off; if you are in the hospital and only people who are on-call come in, only on-call people come in. If you are in a community clinic where it is business as usual, then it is business as usual and you come in. Confirm arrangements directly with your preceptor.

4.0 The statutory holidays granted by Western University are:
   • Labour Day – Sept.4, 2017
   • Thanksgiving – Oct. 9, 2017
   • Christmas – Dec. 25, 2017
   • Boxing Day – Dec. 26, 2017
   • New Years’ Day – Jan. 1, 2018
   • Family Day – Feb. 19, 2018
   • Good Friday – Mar. 30, 2018
   • Victoria Day – May 21, 2018
   • Canada Day – July 2, 2018
   • Civic Holiday – Aug. 6, 2018

5.0 If a clerkship rotation block would normally start on a Monday that is designated as a statutory holiday, the first day of the rotation would then be the following day, Tuesday. Exceptions include essential services like ER and CTU.