

EXPECTATIONS FOR PGY4 TIME AWAY FOR EXAMS/EXPECTATIONS

1. Clinical duties:

PGY4 absence from clinical duties is not acceptable during the entire year, unless on vacation or pre-exam prep off.

- The program will provide 2 weeks off for exams (one week prior to each portion of the Royal College exam) – this is compatible with PARO and other Canadian programs
- Reading days should only be taken if there are no clinical activities scheduled that day – PGY4s are to participate in all day to day clinical activities. Chiefs are encouraged to attend 1-2 clinics per week, when there is no available OR where they can be primary assistants or surgeon.
- Chiefs are responsible for all rounds and communications about patients and consults unless away on research elective block or on vacation
- Chiefs must remain available to senior and junior residents on the teams for communication regarding patients and administrative issues

2. PGY4 Electives:

Electives during PGY4 may be Clinical or Research. Electives are not considered to be free study time. Objectives for each elective type are to be sent to PD and PA one month prior (minimum - see research elective policy).

Research

PGY4 Research objectives are to be approved by the supervisor and the program well in advance of the elective time. Failure to do so will result in cancellation of the research elective block and the PGY4 placed back on service. Supervisors will be contacted directly at the end of rotation and if objectives are not met will result in a rotation failure on the ITER.

Clinical

PGY4 Clinical objectives are to be approved by PD/APD in advance of the elective time. This elective includes a personal learning plan, which includes PGY4 identified deficiencies in operative and clinical skills. A minimum of 3 clinical days. PGY5 are not responsible for rounding, consults and other daily clinical activities during their elective.

3. Call schedule:

Chiefs are allowed to front load their calls earlier in the year. However, calls can only stop one month prior to the written exam date. Calls may be reduced in number up to two months before the written exam date, provided adequate coverage is available. However, the program reserves the right to schedule call (first and second) for PGY4 depending on clinical, wellness and educational needs. This is irrespective of call tally. Prior call in the year cannot be used as a reason for no call during this period. The exception to this is the one week prior to the exam, where PGY4s are relieved of all clinical duties.