

PGY5 Urology Resident - Expectations and Guidelines: Post-RC Exam

1. Clinical and Educational Responsibilities

- **Clinic Attendance:** PGY5 residents are expected to attend the clinic as much as possible following the RC exam.
- **Educational Activities:** Active participation in educational activities is required, especially in a supervisory role. This includes ensuring other residents also participate.
- **Operating Room:** Residents may attend the OR post-exam on academic half-days
- **Teaching:** Post-RC exam residents are expected to take an active role in teaching, particularly during academic half days, OSCEs, and labs.
 - Supervise a resident seminar and/or present a topic of their choosing on academic half day.

2. Team Supervision

- **Supervisory Role:** The most senior resident at each site is responsible for supervising the team. This includes:
 - Reviewing consults.
 - Communicating with staff via email and ensuring updates are provided.
 - Maintaining closed-loop communication between residents and staff.

3. On-Call Duties

- **Participation:** Post-RC exam residents are expected to participate in on-call duties, including first-call responsibilities, particularly over the Christmas/New Year period and during AUA/CUA coverage if they are not attending or presenting at these meetings.
- **On-Call Support:** PGY5 residents should take One-Number calls and assist in on-call cases with more junior residents as needed.

4. Teaching Responsibilities

- **M&M Rounds:** PGY5 residents are responsible for planning M&M Rounds.
- **Grand Rounds:** Participation in grand rounds is expected, including presenting cases.
- **CSTAR/Simulation Labs:** PGY5 residents should supervise and teach in these labs.
- **RCEP Teaching:** Residents will be assigned teaching sessions for the RCEP.

5. Research Day Responsibilities

- **Research Presentation:** Post-RC exam residents are fully expected to continue their research and present at the annual JK Wyatt Urology Residents Research Day.
- **Coordination:** Responsibilities include coordinating the roundtable discussion with the guest speaker and organizing resident and staff awards.
- **Guest Speaker:** PGY5 residents are responsible for purchasing and presenting a gift to the guest speaker at the dinner.

6. Educational Milestones

- **EPA Completion:** All EPAs, including Transition to Practice, must be completed.

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Expectations for PGY4/5 Residents During Exam Preparation

1. Clinical Duties

- **Attendance:** PGY4/5 residents are expected to fulfill their clinical duties throughout the year. Absences are only acceptable during approved vacation or designated time off for pre-exam preparation.
- **Exam Preparation Time:** The program provides two weeks off for exam preparation—one week prior to each portion of the Royal College written and oral exams, in line with PARO guidelines and other Canadian programs.
- **Reading Days:** Reading days should only be taken if there are no scheduled clinical activities for that day.
- **Clinical Participation:** PGY4/5 residents must participate in all day-to-day clinical activities. They are encouraged to attend 1-2 clinics per week when there is no OR available where they can serve as primary assistants or surgeons.
- **PGY5 Responsibilities:** PGY5 residents are responsible for all rounds and communications related to patients and consults unless they are on a research elective block or vacation. They must remain available to junior and senior residents on the team for patient care and administrative issues.

2. PGY5 Electives

- **General Expectations:** Electives during PGY5, whether Clinical or Research, are not considered free study time. Specific objectives for each elective type must be submitted to the Program Director (PD) and Program Administrator (PA) at least one month in advance.

2.1 Research Elective:

- Objectives for the research elective must be approved by the supervisor and the program well in advance of the elective start date. Failure to obtain approval will result in the cancellation of the research elective, and the resident will be placed back on clinical service.
- Supervisors will be contacted at the end of the rotation, and failure to meet objectives will result in a rotation failure on the In-Training Evaluation Report (ITER).

2.2 Clinical Elective:

- Clinical elective objectives must be approved by the PD or Assistant Program Director (APD) in advance. The elective should include a personal learning plan that addresses identified deficiencies in operative and clinical skills.
- The elective must include a minimum of three clinical days. During the clinical elective, PGY5 residents are not responsible for rounding, consults, or other daily clinical activities.

2.3 Transition to Practice (TTP):

- Residents must complete a TTP rotation and attain the required competencies and objectives of the rotation in order to successfully complete residency (TTP Guidelines Appendix).

3. Call Schedule

- **Pre-Exam Call Reduction:**
 - PGY5 residents are allowed to stop taking call one month before the written exam date (subject to operational requirements).
 - Calls may be reduced up to two months before the written exam, provided adequate coverage is available.
- **Program Discretion:** The program reserves the right to assign call duties (first and second call) to PGY5 residents based on clinical, wellness, and educational needs, regardless of the call tally. Prior call in the year cannot be used as a reason to avoid call during this period.
- **Final Week:** PGY5 residents are relieved of all clinical duties during the week prior to the exam.