

The Mount Sinai Medical Center  
General Surgery Residency Program

Protocol for Monitoring Resident Duty Hour Regulations:

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1. The monitoring of duty hours will occur on a monthly basis to ensure an appropriate balance between education and service commitments.
2. If a resident indicates that he/she has worked over the 80-hour work hour limit, the resident will be advised to review his/her Duty Hour Report, ensuring data-entry accuracy.
3. If a violation of work-hour regulations appears valid, the resident is provided with a written warning for the first offense.
4. Adjustments or changes to the clinical schedule are then made to ensure improved compliance.
5. If a subsequent infraction occurs, the resident will receive a clinical suspension and be subject to additional disciplinary procedures, in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth in The Mount Sinai School of Medicine House Staff Manual, including, but not limited to, termination.
6. Back-up support systems will be provided when patient care responsibilities are unusually difficult or prolonged, or if unexpected circumstances create resident fatigue sufficient to jeopardize patient care.