

Division of Urology

Tuesday Morning Coverage for Academic Half Days

Implementation Date: July 1, 2017

Coverage Time: 06:45 am – 12:00 noon, every Tuesday

1. General Coverage Overview

- **Site-Specific Coverage:** Coverage will be provided at each site by designated fellows or consultant
- **Fellow Responsibilities:** Fellows at each site will:
 - Cover all calls and consults during the designated hours
 - Optionally round with residents before 6:45 am
- **Consultant Backup:** A consultant will be assigned weekly to each site to support the fellow and provide coverage if no fellow is available
- **Schedule Integration:** Details of site-specific fellow/consultant coverage will be included in the monthly on-call schedule

2. Tuesday Morning Coverage Duties

- **Handover:**
 - Be available before 6:45 am to receive handover from residents (via phone or in person at Grand Rounds at SJH)
- **During Coverage:**
 - Answer pages and compile a list of consults and tasks for the residents, to be handed over at 12:00 noon
 - Perform urgent Emergency Room, ward, and intraoperative consultations that cannot wait until 12:00 noon
 - Non-urgent ward consults may be deferred and handed over to the on-call day resident at noon
- **Issue Management:**
 - For patients at UH or SJHC, review any arising issues with the on-call staff (for new patients without a London urologist) or with the patient's existing London urologist as necessary.

3. Resident Responsibilities

- **Morning Rounds:**
 - Ensure all orders are placed, and nursing questions are answered during morning rounds (before 6:45 am)
 - One member of the urology team at each site will provide handover to the fellow or consultant covering 1st call at the end of ward rounds - critical issues with inpatients or consult patients must be clearly communicated
- **End of Coverage:**
 - Notify switchboard at the end of the academic half-day to switch over pagers to the on-call resident at each site by 12:00 noon

4. Special Circumstances

- **No Scheduled Academic Activities:**
 - If no academic activities are scheduled due to meetings, vacations, or shutdowns, residents are to use the time for study or research. They are not expected to cover clinical activities during this time.
- **Holiday Coverage:**
 - Residents are expected to cover clinical activities during recognized holidays that fall on a Tuesday (e.g., Remembrance Day, Canada Day, Christmas, and New Year's).