

University of Kentucky College of Medicine – Internal Medicine Residency Program Jeopardy Coverage Policy

The jeopardy system provides back-up clinical coverage to ensure safe patient care and adequate staffing when a resident is unable to perform clinical duties due to extenuating circumstances.

Assignment

Residents are assigned blocks of jeopardy coverage at the start of the academic year after the Master Schedule has been finalized.

- Coverage begins at 0700 on the first assigned date and ends at 0700 the morning following the final assigned date.
- Block Requirements:
 - **IM Categorical & Primary Care:**
 - Interns: ~20 days of coverage divided into two 10-day blocks per AY
 - Upper levels: ~15 days of coverage in one single block per AY
 - **Med-Peds/Med-psych:** Half of the expected time above, with respect to intern vs. UL (~10 days for interns, 7-8 days for upper levels)
 - **Preliminary:** ~20 days of coverage divided into two 10-day blocks per AY

Expectations

- **Availability:**
 - Keep personal cellphone and pager charged and accessible
 - Be reachable at all times
- **Reporting:**
 - Be able to report for duty within 1 hour of notification, including appropriate attire
 - Remain fit for duty, including sobriety
- **Compliance:**
 - Jeopardy activation is not optional. Failure to respond or report for clinical duties constitutes a professionalism violation
 - Maintain active VA access. Loss of VA access resulting in inability to fulfill clinical duties will result in 3 additional days of jeopardy assignment

Coverage

- If a resident elects to change their vacation to dates different from those on the original Master Schedule and this conflicts with their jeopardy assignment, **the resident** is responsible for arranging alternative jeopardy coverage.
- Residents may also arrange coverage for high-priority events such as academic/professional conferences or major family events (e.g., weddings) that conflict with jeopardy assignment.
- Any peer of similar standing^ who is rotating on an ambulatory or consult service on the affected date may provide coverage, with the following exceptions:
 - The covering resident should not be pulled from continuity clinic to provide jeopardy coverage
 - The covering resident should not already be assigned jeopardy coverage on the affected date

^ *For interns*, this includes Preliminary residents, IM Categorical PGY-1s, IM Primary Care PGY-1s, Med-Peds PGY-1s, and Med-Psych 1/2*

^ *For upper-level residents*, this includes IM Categorical PGY-2/3s, IM Primary Care PGY-2/3s, Med-Peds PGY2/3/4s, and Med-Psych2*/3/4/5s

*PGY-2 for Med-Psych depends on the time of year.