

## **PHOENIX CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

### **EMERGENCY ROOM CALL**

In order to provide subspecialty coverage for the Emergency Department, the Medical Executive Committee approved the following policy regarding Emergency Department Call at Phoenix Children's Hospital:

1. Sections where call is not covered on a voluntary basis will be assigned call. The doctor would be responsible for providing the coverage or arranging for coverage with another member of the Phoenix Children's Hospital Medical Staff with like privileges.
2. Physicians will not be expected to provide mandatory coverage for frequently than one day in seven or once per week. Sections could choose to have call be daily, weekly or monthly at their discretion.
3. Mandatory coverage is not required of any surgeon after age 55 or after 20 years of service to the hospital.
4. When resignations reduce key department size to below seven members, then certain days would go uncovered in that specialty.
5. On those days, the Emergency Department would not accept patients requiring those services and would arrange transport to other institutions. This would include multiple trauma patients who happen to require that specialty's services.
6. The hospital, at its option, may employ faculty to cover any shortfalls or may hire current staff physicians to work extra call.
7. Phoenix Children's Hospital will reimburse the on-call physician for professional fees related to the initial hospitalization of uninsured patients.
8. Active and Courtesy Medical Staff members are required to participate in Emergency Department Call coverage.

Date specific call schedules are to be provided to the Emergency Department listing the name of the physician on call. If the physician is contacted by the Emergency Department and does not respond, the physician may be subject to substantial fines according to EMTALA guidelines.

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