RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES/SUPERVISION

Residents are responsible, under supervision, for total patient care, including admission, initial evaluation, diagnosis, selection of therapy and management of complications for patients at the MED, Veterans Hospital, Methodist University Hospital, and LeBonheur Hospital. The residents encounter these patients in the out-patient clinics of these facilities, arrange the admission, the initial evaluation and diagnosis, and select the appropriate therapy under supervision. Complications are managed by the residents under supervision. They are responsible for continuity of care of these non-private patients throughout their rotation. This includes night and weekend responsibility (when on call) and long-term care within the limits of the length of the rotation. In all of the training sites, residents are also responsible, under supervision, for the total patient care of private patients. However, due to the diversity of volunteer faculty office sites, they may not be associated with the decision for patient admission and similarly, they may not be available to participate in the office follow-up and long-term continuous care of these private patients. On the other hand, many of the private patients, especially those of the full time faculty, are initially seen as inpatient consultations. In these instances, the resident is responsible, under supervision, for the initial evaluation, diagnostic studies, and therapy plan. In addition, more senior residents (URO-3 and URO-4) are encouraged, time permitting, to attend faculty private clinics. This allows them an opportunity to participate in the post hospitalization care of those patients they were responsible for during hospitalization, as well as to experience other office procedures. These include renal/transrectal ultrasonography/prostate biopsies, vasectomies, flexible/rigid cystoscopy, complex video urodynamics, and other techniques that supplement their training.

MED Rotation: This rotation is carried out in The Regional Medical Center of Memphis doing business as The MED. Overall, resident supervision during the MED rotation is provided by Dr. Chris Ledbetter. Two residents participate in this rotation: URO-4 and URO-2 level residents. The teaching service averages between 4-6 patients or approximately 2-3 patients per resident. However, as an increasing number of diagnostic and operative procedures are performed in an ambulatory or outpatient basis, the actual resident/patient teaching volume is higher than would be anticipated from an in-patient census. This reflects a busy and productive service educating urology residents in both in-patient and outpatient care. This does not include the urology consultations, which average two per day. Teaching rounds are conducted daily by the service chief, with all residents in attendance, for all patients at The MED including trauma patients and consults. Individual cases requiring subspecialty attention are staffed by appropriate members of the urology faculty. The office of the chief of service is adjacent to the MED Hospital and less than 50 yards from the sponsoring institution.

VA Hospital: The VA Medical Center is one of the primary sites of surgical training and education concerning in-patient and outpatient care. The hospital serves as a regional (tertiary) referral center for Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Missouri as well as a multi-state spinal cord injury and stone disease facility. The teaching service is under the overall supervision of Dr. Anthony L. Patterson, Chief of Urology at this institution. This service is staffed by a URO-4 and two URO-1 residents. Also, the clinic staff is comprised of a head nurse who supervises 5 nurses, 4 urology technicians, 3 clerical staff and a urology liaison nurse. In addition, research nurses interact with the residents on a regular basis. The VA Hospital is located one block from the sponsoring institution. A URO-4 (chief) and two URO-1 residents are responsible for the outpatient (clinic) and in-patient urology service in the main VA Hospital. The URO-4 resident
serves as chief for the spinal cord injury and stone center which are physically connected to the main hospital. There are a great number of outpatient procedures. There are approximately 6 in-patients per week at the main hospital and approximately 2 per week at the spinal cord injury part of the hospital (approximately 2 patients per resident). Dr. Anthony L. Patterson conducts teaching rounds in the main hospital. Dr. Robert Wake serves as chief of the stone center and conducts rounds daily with the URO-4 resident concerning these patients. Other faculty, including Dr. Clyde Martin, supervise the residents and conduct teaching rounds on patients with which they were involved.

**LeBonheur Children’s Hospital:** The pediatric urology rotation is located at LeBonheur Children’s Medical Center and its outpatient and surgical center facilities. The hospital is a freestanding hospital but is now a part of the Methodist Health Care System. The hospital provides the only full service pediatric emergency department in the city. In addition, there is a Newborn Intensive Care Unit located adjacent to The MED Hospital where frequent consults are handled. A similar arrangement is made with The St Jude’s Pediatric Research Hospital for answering consultations. Two residents, a URO-3 and URO-1, are assigned to this rotation and are responsible for all urology patient care, with the majority of care being provided in an outpatient setting. Resident supervision occurs daily and continuously by three (3) full time faculty members. The pediatric hospital is located one block from the sponsoring institution. It is important to note that housed within this hospital are the pediatric teaching faculty, and consultative sub-specialty medical and surgical services, required to support the training program and the hospital.

**Methodist University Hospital:** The Methodist University Hospital is the largest private downtown hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. It functions as a tertiary care and regional referral center for western Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi. This facility is approximately 5 blocks from the sponsoring institution. The teaching service at the Methodist University Hospital is under the supervision of Dr. Jan Colli and Dr. Chris Ledbetter. A URO-4, URO-3 and two URO-2 residents are assigned to this institution. The residents are responsible for the non-private in-patient teaching service as well as the private patients of the full time faculty. Volunteer faculty admit to this institution as well, and they will supervise the residents when it concerns their private patients. All clerical support, subspecialty medical and surgical services, radiology and library with internet access, are available to support the institution and the training program.

The program policy regarding supervision is that residents are supervised at all times and in all locations, both in-patient and outpatient, in which they carry out their functions as a urology resident. This policy is implemented by The University of Tennessee GME office and the Urology Program Director, and it is the responsibility of the Program Director and the faculty to ensure compliance at all times. Our institutional and departmental policy on resident supervision is as follows: