

FUNDING FOR CALL MEALS

The University and Erlanger provide funding for some call meals and snacks for Residents* and Medical Students.

Five (5) meal plans have been developed as follows:

- Meal Plan 1 (\$1560 annually) for Residents in the Departments of Surgery, OB/GYN, Orthopaedic Surgery, Plastic Surgery, and Urology
- Meal Plan 2 (\$1200 annually) for Residents in the Departments of Emergency Medicine and Internal Medicine.
- *Meal Plan 3 (\$840 annually) for Residents in the Department of Family Medicine since lunch meals are provided several days every week during noon conferences at the UT Family Practice Center.
- Meal Plan 4 (\$30 every two weeks) for Medical Students
- Meal Plan 5 (\$1000 annually for Pediatrics Residents since lunch will be provided every Friday during a special Noon Conference in the Massoud Building.
- Meal Plan 6 (\$100 per four-week rotations for visiting Residents from the UT Nashville programs)

Meal cards will be loaded with the appropriate annual amounts by 7 AM every July 1 for Residents.

For Medical Students, meal cards will be loaded with the appropriate two-week limit by 7 AM the first day of each block rotation and will then be subsequently reloaded every two weeks to adjust for the asymmetrical scheduling system begun with Block 5, 2019.

Meal cards used in the main Baroness Erlanger Café (the Erlanger Cafeteria), will be given a 20% discount (comparable to the employee discount given Erlanger staff) for food and drinks not related to Subway or Chick-Fil-A. Although you can use the meal card for food and drink from Subway or Chick-Fil-A, no discount is taken at the register since those are separate brands and are not owned by Sodexo. The meal card covers any food or drink item without limitation other than the maximum card limit.

Meal cards may also be used in the Erlanger Medical Mall for Starbucks; however, however, no discount will be available there similar to Subway and Chick-Fil-A. Meal cards may not be used to purchase gift certificates, gift cards, or non-food or non-drink items from Sodexo or Starbucks.

Erlanger issued meal cards will not be honored by other restaurants in the Medical Mall unless they fall under the operation of Erlanger Health System (e.g., Local Juicery and Chicken Salad Chick).

The meal card benefit is meant to help offset the cost of call meals and is not for anyone except Residents and Medical Students. Residents and Medical Students should not get food for anyone

other than the trainee -- not for another Resident, Medical Student, Faculty member, family member, or friend.

Trainees should also be wearing their Photo ID badge so the staff can properly identify them as a Resident or Medical Student.

In the evenings, Erlanger also provides sandwiches, fruit, snacks, water, juice, and soft drinks in four Resident call areas: the Main Resident Lounge on East Wing 7, the Emergency Medicine Resident area within the EM academic area near the ED, the Internal Medicine Handover Room also on the Erlanger 7th floor, the OB/GYN Resident Call on the Erlanger 5th Floor, and the Pediatric Resident Lounge on Children's 4th Floor. All Residents and Medical Students have access to these areas and may take food and snacks when on call.

Dining Room Managers may be reached at 778-7428 regarding any problems with the Cafeteria and its service. You may also contact the Erlanger contracted food service vendor, Sodexo at 423-778-7964 with issues involving meal cards or contact the Office of GME to report problems.

Note: The 2020 Pandemic has significantly stressed resources throughout the hospital. Below are the hours of operation for the Baroness Café, Subway, Chick-Fil-A, and Starbucks at which you can use your meal card to obtain food and drinks as of June 11, 2020:

- **Baroness Café**
Mon – Fri: 6:30 am thru 10 pm
Sat & Sun: 6:30 am thru 8 pm
- **Chick Fil-A**
Mon – Fri: 6:30 am thru 4 pm
Sat & Sun: Closed
- **Subway**
Mon – Fri: 6:30 am thru 4 pm
Sat & Sun: Closed
- **Starbucks**
Mon – Fri: 6:30 am thru 4 pm
Sat & Sun: 6:30 am thru 11 am

(The term “Resident” refers to both Resident trainees.

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