

**4<sup>th</sup> Year Student Med Ward Treatment and Emergency Duty Protocol**  
**For SA Medicine and Oncology Wards**

**Weekdays (Monday – Friday):**

**Med Ward student** is *required* to be available for emergencies from 5:00 pm to 8:00 am. You may leave the building between 5:00pm and 6:00pm to retrieve a car, dinner, etc. **if** no emergencies are expected during that time. You **must** check with the ER doctors beforehand and at the end of your shift.

From 6:00 pm-12:00 am you must **stay in the wards** remaining available to see an ER case, if needed. The medicine ward student is responsible for medicine and oncology ward treatments from 6:00 pm-midnight.

Be a good team player by helping out in CCU and other wards and assisting others in seeing cases as time permits.

From 12:00am to 8:00am you can be out of the building and on-call **if** you are available by phone / pager and can return in < 20 minutes.

- The student on ER Rotation will be utilized for ER cases prior to the med ward student for afterhours / overnight ER cases.

*Check in with the Medicine Ward technician around 4:20pm – 5:00pm to be briefed on evening treatments.*

**Backup Med Ward student** is on-call for treatments from 6:00pm-12:00am. The secondary student will be called in the event the primary student is involved with a case which prohibits his/her doing medicine and oncology ward treatments and will not be kept past midnight. In very rare cases of illness, the secondary student has been requested to fill in as the primary duty student; in this case you would be expected to stay until midnight as outline above.

**Saturday, Sunday and Holidays:**

**Primary Student** shall be in the VMTH by 8:00 a.m. to help with med/onc ward treatments and receive emergencies. From 8:00 am-12:00 am you must **stay in the wards** remaining available to see an ER case, if needed. You may leave the building after 12:00 a.m. *after* all medicine & oncology ward treatments are completed.

- Before leaving, be sure that no one needs your help.
- Be sure that you have a working pager and that you can return in < 20 minutes.
- You **must** check in with the Emergency Doctors prior to leaving

**Backup Med Ward student** is on-call from 8:00am-12:00am. You will be called in to perform ward treatments in the event the primary student is involved with a case which prohibits his/her doing ward treatments. The secondary student will not be kept past midnight.

**Automatic failure of a rotation** will occur if treatments are not performed or patients are neglected.

Dr. Bach or Shannon Radford should be notified if there are problems during the evening either with personnel or treatments.