

Department of Family Medicine

Policy Name:	Half Day Back in Family Medicine
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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to determine when residents are expected to return to their home base for half day backs.

Policy:

All PGY1 and PGY2 residents are required to be scheduled the equivalent of a half day in their family medicine practice once a week when on off service rotations. When a resident is scheduled for a core rural rotation, the resident is expected to return to their home base 2 full days (in lieu of 4 half day backs) during the block if the rural location is less than 150 km away from their base. When the location is more than 150km away from the resident's base, the half day back requirement will be exempted.

The days chosen should be consistent with the resident's half day back day and in general should be the 2nd and 4th week of the rotation. If this is not a suitable day for the preceptor's office, it should be discussed in advance. The resident is responsible to advise both their rural and primary preceptors of the dates they have selected to return to their home base for full day backs.