

Resident Program Updates – Winter 2010
Calgary University Residents Program
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	Program Description
Protected Academic Learning (Half-day)	-Half-day held every Thursday afternoon & this time is protected for all residents -Teaching primarily done by staff -Residents must also present a one hour “approach to” talk -Grand rounds weekly -Resident rounds Friday morning: resident presentation or physical exam skills -Journal Club
Call or Night-float system	-Call: max 7 x 24h in-house call shifts/ block -Some sub-specialties have home call -Evening float (5pm-9pm Mon-Thurs) & Night float -Night Float: -Two x 2 wk blocks of Jr night float -Two x 2 wk blocks of Sr night float -8pm-8am Sunday & 9pm-8am Mon-Thurs (total of 10 nights/ 14 days) -Back up call (Sr & now trial of Jr.) started this fall
Vascular Access (opportunities, vascular access team)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procedure Block as R1 - Opportunities during Anesthesia, Emergency & PICU rotations
Resident Retreat (protected, in our out of hospital, length)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two formal retreats/ year: Thurs-Fri afternoon , off-site & call protected - Program also organizes other resident activities on occasion (eg. Last year: Cirque du Soleil, dog sledding, wilderness course)
Advocacy Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Residents are encouraged to take part in advocacy projects - There has been discussion about including advocacy as part of the research block
International Electives	-Encouraged -Last year residents took part in electives in parts of Africa, India, Pakistan, Iran, Australia & USA -Australia exchange program (open to 2 senior residents/yr, 6 mo duration)

Rural Experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community pediatrics rotation in third year- this can be a rural elective - Several residents chose to do electives in Northern Canada last year - Mandatory rural elective being may be developed
Observed History and Physicals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Twice yearly, observed by staff and marked using Royal College guidelines -OCSEs also held twice yearly for R2-R4s
Resident Research (support, protected time, publications, presentations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Research block in November of R1 year: Series of lectures & small group sessions to teach research skills & methodology & begin a research project -Each resident finds a faculty preceptor -Resident Research Day held yearly -Residents may take research block(s) later in their training
Mock Codes (frequency, use of simulators)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Mock codes once per month. -Human patient simulator sessions approx. twice per year for everyone and an additional 2 sessions each PICU and Emergency rotation
Procedural Skills (workshops, opportunities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Procedure Block -Acorn Workshop (neonatal resuscitation) held last retreat
OTHER AREAS OF NOTE	Nothing to report