



**Tufts Medical Center
Lemuel Shattuck Hospital**

Transitional Year Residency Program



HOUSE OFFICER ADMISSIONS & PATIENT LOAD POLICY

Effective July 2003

Revised: June 2011

Expiration: Indefinite

***Purpose:* To improve patient care and comply with ACGME training requirements.**

Policy: Transitional Year Interns cap at 5 new admissions per call day. If there are more than 5 admissions per 24 hour call the Sr. Medical Resident/Sr. House Officer is responsible for the admission work-up which include admitting orders, history & physical exam, and all necessary work-up. The Sr. Medical Resident will redistribute these extra admissions to the rest of the team on the next day. Sr. Medical Resident will cap at 8 admissions per call. If there are more than 8 admissions for the Sr. Medical Resident, the Sr. House Officer will be responsible for all these admissions work-up. These patients will be redistributed to the rest of the team by the Sr. Medical Resident on the next day.

TY Residents must not be assigned more than 8 new patients in a 48 hour period. The Sr. Medical Resident must not admit more than 16 new patients in a 48 hour period.

A PGY-1 Resident must not carry a patient load of more than 10 patients. The supervising Sr. Resident must assume responsibilities for the ongoing care of the 10 patient limit. The Sr. Resident and/or the Attending Physician may elect to redistribute patients to other PGY-1 Residents within the team or to other teams if there is a sizable disparity in patient load.

Patient load cap on Acute Medicine service is 20 patients.