PA Surgical Residency Training Objectives
Night Float

Introduction
The system of the night float was initiated to fulfill the ACGME hours restriction mandate while reducing excessive cross-coverage and maintaining in-patient continuity. The night float PA Surgical Resident arrives at 5:30 p.m. and leaves after morning sign-out. The night float coverage extends from Sunday to Friday with Saturday to Sunday being a continuous 24 hour-off period.

Patient Care
The PA Surgical Resident on the night float should demonstrate the ability to:
- Evaluate pre-operative patients.
- Manage ward/postoperative patients.
- Prioritize patient acuity.
- Manage ward emergencies (arrhythmia, hypoxia, shock, etc.).
- Prioritize clinical responsibilities.
- Identify limitations of their experience and activate back-up systems when appropriate.
- Perform the following ward procedures:
  - Arterial line/ABG.
  - Peripheral line/Phlebotomy.
  - NG tube placement.
  - Chest tube placement, assist.
  - Femoral IJ/SC line placement, assist.

Medical Knowledge
The PA Surgical Resident should understand:
- Basic Science principles (ex: metabolism, wound healing).
- General Surgery principles (ex: acute cholecystitis).
- General Medicine principles (ex: infectious disease).
- Radiographic studies: indications and interpretation.

Practice Based Learning and Improvement
The PA Surgical Resident should demonstrate the ability to:
- Evaluate published literature in critically acclaimed journals and texts.
• Apply clinical trials data to patient management.
• Participate in academic and clinical discussions.
• Teach medical students and physician assistant students.

**Interpersonal and Communication Skills**
The PA Surgical Resident should demonstrate the ability to:
• Interact with Patient/Family.
• Interact with nursing staff.
• Interact with Consult Service.
• Interact with Attendings.
• Interact with Junior House staff.
• Interact with Senior House staff.

**Professionalism**
The PA Surgical Resident on the Night Float Service should:
• Be receptive to feedback on performance.
• Be attentive to ethical issues.
• Be involved in end-of-life discussions and decisions.
• Be sensitive to gender, age, race, and cultural issues.
• Demonstrate leadership.
• Systems Based Practice.

The PA Surgical Resident on the Night Float should:
• Be aware of cost-effective care issues.
• Be sensitive to medical-legal issues.
• Have information technology/computer resources available.