



POSTGRADUATE RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Academic Half Day Attendance Policy

The Canadian Pediatric Program Directors agree that academic half-day attendance is the forum for the delivery of much of the core academic content throughout pediatric training. As such, attendance at the sessions is both mandatory AND protected from clinical and administrative duties. The following is the policy governing resident attendance at the sessions.

1. Attendance will be tracked.
2. It is expected that residents will return to clinical service following their academic half-day. This is done in order to ensure proper handover and complete their clinical duties for the day, unless otherwise specified by their service.
3. Not including post-call days, illness, vacation, and electives out of the city, the expectation is that attendance at these sessions is 100%, unless otherwise approved by a Program Director. If a resident is not present, and their absence is not excused by the Program or clinical service requirements, a note will be made on the resident's record.
4. If the absence is not approved, or a resident does not attend, the Program Director is notified and a written explanation sought for the absence. Should the absence not be deemed valid, a note will be made on the resident's record.
5. Two such notes on a resident file will result in the loss of conference funding for that year and a referral to the promotions and remediation subcommittee of the RPC or the RPC directly for suggested remediation training focusing on professionalism. The need for this will be documented in the resident's file.
6. Along with other performance data, this information will be used in a resident's file to determine promotion and fill out the FITER or CITER.
7. Adherence to these guidelines reflects professional CanMeds role standards and the expectations of physicians. Residents must give careful attention to time management, punctuality and personal responsibility.
8. Senior residents in PGY-4 will be excused from AHD as of 1 September of the current academic year.