

Professionalism

What is professionalism?

- physicians adhere to high ethical and moral standards
- physicians respond to societal needs and their behaviors reflect a contract with the communities served
- physicians demonstrate core humanistic values, including honesty and integrity, caring and compassion, altruism and empathy, respect for others, and trustworthiness
- physicians exercise accountability for themselves and for their colleagues
- physicians subordinate their own interests to the interests of their patients
- physicians demonstrate a continuing commitment to excellence

Medical Student Professional Responsibilities

1. Medical Students are intimately and actively involved in the practice of medicine. Medical Students have an obligation to act professionally while interacting with patients, as well as with other members of the medical team. They must be prompt to morning rounds and conferences, and prepared to discuss their patients. They must be respectful of their patients, as well as their team.
2. Medical students are expected to be at work each day during their medical rotation. Students will have one weekend day off per week according to their medical ward team's call schedule. If, however, they are on call on Sunday, they must come in on Saturday as well only to attend the Saturday morning conference at 10am in the 17W BH conference room.
3. Medical Students are expected to come to every Saturday morning conference at Bellevue Hospital. If any student needs to miss a conference (during the week or the Saturday conference), you must email the medical student chief, Dr. Mary Vouyiouklis at vouyim01@med.nyu.edu with the reason. In addition, a 'make-up' assignment must be done (see below).
4. If a student is sick or has a personal emergency and cannot come to work, they must first inform their supervising resident, as well as the medical student chief resident.

Absences

We expect that all students will be integral members of their teams and be dedicated to the care of their patients. Of course, we do understand that at times there are personal reasons that make absences inevitable. If for any reason you need to be absent from a clinical responsibility, you must inform the medical student chief. We expect that all anticipated absences (i.e. weddings) be emailed to the chief PRIOR to starting the clerkship, so that all necessary arrangements can be made. Any unforeseen absences must be emailed to the chiefs as soon as possible. Please limit the time away from your clinical responsibilities. If it is brought to our attention that any student has been displaying unprofessional behavior, or if there is a misuse of these absences, this will be reflected in your final grade for the clerkship.

The 'make-up' assignment

All absences require a 'make-up' assignment, except at the discretion of the chief resident. This assignment is for your learning; therefore there are no specific rules, except that it should pertain to a patient that you are following on the wards. It should be only one page typed. The topics are of your own choosing: creative, philosophy of medicine, evidence-based, ethics, etc... For example, if you have a patient with hepatitis c, you can discuss the role of interferon in that patient using evidence to support your argument. Or, you can talk about your experience talking to that patient, and what you may have learned from spending the time to talk about his/her illness. Or, you can describe your interaction with that particular patient creatively. If there was a particular end-of-life discussion or ethical dilemma that touched you, you can write on that. This is an enriching exercise from which we would like you to learn about your patients.