

**Excerpt for General Surgery Residency Handbook
2021-2022**

31. AUTHORIZED ABSENCE/FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS/INTERVIEWS

Categorical residents are encouraged to apply for fellowships after graduation. To support this process, the residency allows 5 days of authorized absence (in addition to vacation) to interview for fellowships. Any additional days spent on interviews will come from the resident's vacation bank. Additionally, if a resident has vacation scheduled and also schedules interviews during a particular rotation, the vacation will need to be cancelled.

Patient care cannot be allowed to suffer due to absences. Should this occur due to an excessive number of absences due to travel, the residency office and/or the service will be allowed to advise the resident to pare down the number of days of absences (may include missing dinners or flying more red-eye flights).

Preliminary resident physicians seeking a position for the following year will be allowed 3 days of authorized absence (in addition to vacation). Additionally, if a resident has vacation scheduled and also schedules interviews during a particular rotation, the vacation may have to be adjusted. Patient care cannot be allowed to suffer due to absences.

All requests for time off for interviews must be completed on MedHub in addition to the fellowship interview spreadsheet on the website being filled out and submitted to the residency office, even though the time off is not taken from the resident's leave bank. All residents applying for fellowship must denote the rotation(s) affected during their interview block time as no vacation will be allowed during this time.