

University of Minnesota Small Animal Internal Medicine Residency FAQ

1. What is the general schedule for the service?
 - a. *You will be assigned to one of the sides of medicine (SAM 1 and 2) for a 2 week block. The schedule is alternating daily. For example, on MWF of week 1, you will be on transfer and procedure duty. On Tue/Thur, you will see outpatient appointments. We generally do not have residents on SAM service for more than 4 weeks in a row, though occasionally 6-week blocks are necessary during board prep time.*
2. How many weeks will I be on internal medicine per year?
 - a. *Residents are on the SAM service 24-28 weeks per year. More senior residents generally have fewer weeks of clinical service and additional weeks for study and research.*
3. How much elective and research time do I have?
 - a. *Residents have a total of 16 official weeks of electives, according to the ACVIM certification manual. Our residents receive an additional 7-8 weeks of elective time which can be used for other elective rotations within the hospital, externships at other veterinary schools or human hospitals, or additional research time.*
4. How many weekends will each resident be on call per year?
 - a. *Currently there is one resident assigned per weekend, with a second resident as a backup. With 8 residents, that is then 1:8 weekends as primary and 1:8 as back up. All inpatients are transferred to either the on-call intern or the on-call resident, so if you are not on for that weekend, you have that weekend off.*
5. During the weekend on call, how many hours does the resident spend in the hospital?
 - a. *For those on call weekends, it is typically 8-12 hours spent in the hospital; similar to a normal work week day.*
6. How much supervision do you get while on clinics?
 - a. *The majority of faculty are not seeing their own appointments and are available for assistance with consultations and will be supervising procedures. The focus of the faculty will be more on the intern and first year resident's cases. At least one of the two faculty on service is in the rounds room almost all the time.*
7. What level of supervision do I receive while performing procedures? Will I be able to perform all of my own procedures?
 - a. *The expectation is that the resident will perform all of their own procedures with direct supervision by the faculty during normal business hours. Residents performing endoscopy or other procedures after hours or on the weekends (foreign body retrievals, etc) are typically unsupervised.*