

## Weekend/Holiday Call Team Use on Day Shift

Basic points:

- There are many add-on cases during weekends and holidays
- Add-on cases need to be done in a timely fashion for many reasons:
  - Inpatient length of stay
  - Lack of available OR time the following day
  - Avoidance of evening shift cases
  - Patient and surgeon satisfaction
- Most add-on cases are urgent, not emergent, and will fall under the guidelines listed below.
- Emergent cases supersede these guidelines. Emergent cases are self-evident, and therefore do not need a declaration

Guidelines for scheduling urgent cases on weekend day shift:

- The call team can be used for urgent add-ons; cases do not need to be emergent
- When possible, there needs to be an effort to finish all cases on day-shift to avoid later logjams and evening-call-team use
- In the morning, anesthesia and the charge RN should modify case times if they are unrealistic, and decide whether the call team should be utilized early to complete the existing schedule before 3:00 PM
- **For new add-ons during day shift, use the call team if the add-on case cannot be given a start time that allows for it to be finished between 1:00 and 3:00 PM**

Avoiding idle OR time:

- Whenever a surgeon opts not to take the first available time, they may be bumped by a subsequent add-on **but only if** they are unable to take the offer of the earlier time
- Anesthesia call should be used to perform Endoscopy cases to avoid significant delays in the Main OR. (Note re radiology staffing: there is only one tech for the Main OR and ERCPs)