



Impact of Duty Hours Requirements on Education

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“Continuity of care”

- n The ACS and Surgery fully accepts and supports the ACGME Work Rules
- n We remain concerned about the impact of this and other changes upon surgical GME
- n Modern M&M (Morbidity and Mortality) Conference



Attitudes among Surgery residents

- n Senior versus junior resident culture
- n At home call



Attitudes of Surgery Residents

- n “Most surgical residents do not believe that the ACGME duty hour requirements have had their intended effect of improving quality of care and are ambivalent about effects on the quality of their training. However, they report an improved quality of life, and most residents do support the requirements overall. (Surgery 2005;138:246-53.)”



What Data Exist?

- n Operative case load: unchanged
- n Test Scores: Unchanged or improved
- n Patient Safety: Conflicting data with handoffs



What of the Practicing Surgeon?

- n **Rural realities**

- n **Hawaii**



“The long-term impact of reducing resident work hours on education remains unknown.”

n Fletcher et al, 2005

n “We have taken the most complex problem in graduate medical education and attempted to solve it with the simplest metric.”