

Program director perceptions of surgical resident training and patient care under flexible duty hour requirements.

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A recent [cluster-randomized trial](#) found no significant differences in patient outcomes or resident satisfaction between residency programs with flexible duty hours and those with standard [duty hours](#). This survey examined surgical program directors' perceptions within this trial. Respondents from flexible duty hours programs reported a more positive effect of duty hours on patient safety, continuity of care, and attendance at educational activities. These results echo [earlier studies](#) that found clinical faculty had concerns about duty hour restrictions leading to a loss of educational opportunities, decreased continuity of care, and worsened resident–patient relationships.