McMaster University  
Department of Surgery  
Surgical Foundations

ATTENDANCE POLICY: 2010/2011

- 70% minimum attendance rate required in order for SF PD to sign-off residents to write POS exam.
- Excuses are not policed. The Program Coordinator cannot arbitrarily excuse a resident from a session.
- If signature does not appear on sign-in sheet, resident is “absent”. This cannot be rectified after the event.
- Justified “excused” sessions are as follows:
  - R2’s who have previously attended and passed the SRM course are not required to attend SRM sessions
  - Out-of-town rotations as mandated by home program
  - Attendance of exams/oral exams as mandated by home program. Gap days have been created for exams/retreats and other educational events that take the whole group away from SF academic half day – so this occurrence should be minimal.
- The following are not considered ‘excused’ sessions and form part of the allowed 30% absence:
  - Vacation
  - Conferences
  - Resident chosen electives
  - Illness
  - Post on-call
  - Home program retreats if they do not fall on a gap day
  - When a resident chooses to absent themselves from a particular session for any reason.