MEMO - Non Patient Care Days (NPC)

What constitutes a Non Patient Care Day?

The practical application of the rule is that whenever the resident spends an entire calendar day without being engaged in direct patient care (as caregiver or observer), we need to identify that day as not eligible for inclusion in IRIS for DGME and/or IME.

How do we account for NPC days?

The New Innovations IRIS module may now exclude these days if the non patient activity is outside of a hospital setting; or alternatively, to claim only "Direct GME costs" if the event takes place within a hospital.

Activities that MAY be considered a Non Patient Care Day…

Note: Should be added using the NPC day tool.

- In-Training Exam
- DO Workshops
- Recruitment Activities – Interviews, Kansas City
- CME Days
- USMLE and/or Comlex Step 3 Exams
- Certifications – ACLS, ALSO, ATLS, PALS, BLS, NRP
- Meetings – GMEC
- Didactic Sessions/Workshop days
- Conferences
- Retreats
- Research/Home Study days
- Board Reviews

Activities that should NOT be counted as a Non Patient Care Day…

Note: Should be tracked using the block schedule/rotation configurations.

- Vacation
- Leave of Absence
- CME weeks
- Research/Home Study weeks
Adding NPC Days in New Innovations

The NPC feature can be accessed by navigating to Scheduling - Block > Tools > Go to Non Patient Care Days.

- Select a resident, designate whether or not the “full day without patient care activities” Occurred at a Hospital or elsewhere. If “at a hospital” is selected, then a Provider and Location must also be populated. If not, leave the Provider field blank and designate only a Location.

- Use the Comments section to detail the NPC activity.

- Select the date (calendar) that the event took place and Save the entry. Once an entry is saved, it will appear in the table at the bottom of the screen.

There is an optional link at the top of the screen, Change Filters that can be used to set to limit the list of people that appear in the drop down list.

**The NPC information populated here will also appear on the Block Schedule but will not affect the rotation interval as it was entered. It simply coexists with the rotation interval and has no impact on the Block Schedule (for example Evaluation matching.) It is ONLY a factor in reimbursement calculations.**