

**SEVERE WEATHER****Medical Students**

In the event of severe weather or hazardous road conditions, medical students rotating at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine Chattanooga follow the decision of the nearby UT Chattanooga undergraduate. Typically, UTC administration announces a closure or delay for its students either the night before or morning of severe weather. Since medical students do not live on or near the Erlanger campus, we do not want them risking their safety if roads are closed or hazardous and schools are closed.

Medical students should listen to local news stations (Comcast Cable channels 4, 10, or 13) the evening before and morning of severe weather regarding a decision by the UTC administration. Information about closings is also available on the news websites: [www.newschannel9.com](http://www.newschannel9.com), [www.wrcbtv.com](http://www.wrcbtv.com), and [www.wdef.com](http://www.wdef.com). The information is also posted on the UTC website at [www.utc.edu](http://www.utc.edu).

**Administrative Staff**

Administrative staff in the Dean's Office of the UT College of Medicine Chattanooga will also follow UTC decisions regarding delays or closure. Individual UT Department Chairs have the discretion of closing or delaying opening for their own UT administrative staff. Communication within each department is also key. Use good judgment regarding road conditions and safety.

**Faculty, Residents, and Fellows**

Due to the importance of continuity of care for patients in the primary teaching hospitals, faculty and residents should try to report for duty if they can safely do so. In the event that residents and fellows cannot report for duty due to road conditions, they should coordinate coverage with supervising faculty and chief residents. Residents and fellows who cannot get into the hospital should also communicate each day with their program directors, supervising faculty, and other residents. Communication and cooperation are key.

Note: Clinics and practices owned by Erlanger can only be closed or delayed by Erlanger administrative representatives for those practices.

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