

2. Block utilization is defined as the amount of time used, not scheduled. Utilization will include all time used in an assigned block and will account for turnover time.
3. The minimum acceptable utilization rate is 60% in any given quarter. Block owners will be notified of their utilization on a quarterly basis.
4. Recommendations for block adjustments will be made by the Block Committee should utilization fall below 60% and is not increased within one quarter.
5. Surgeons, or services, will fill their own block(s) before being allowed to schedule in other rooms on the same day.
6. Holidays and weekends are excluded from block utilization.
7. Unused block time will be considered in the block utilization calculation unless the block time is released for open scheduling at least two weeks (14 calendar days) in advance of the block time.

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