

**FUNDING FOR CALL MEALS**

The University and Erlanger provide funding for some call meals and snacks for Residents\* and Medical Students/UT PA Students assigned to the Chattanooga Campus.

Two (2) meal plans have been developed for Residents as follows:

- Meal Plan 1 (\$1560 annually) for Residents in the surgical disciplines (OB/GYN, Orthopaedic Surgery, Orthopaedic Trauma Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgical Critical Care, Vascular Surgery, and Urology)
- Meal Plan 2 (\$1200 annually) for Residents in the Cardiovascular Disease, Emergency Medicine, Emergency Medical Services, Family Medicine, Gastroenterology, Internal Medicine, and Pediatrics

A third meal plan is available for Medical/UT PA Students:

- Meal Plan 3 (\$30 every two weeks) for Medical Students

Meal cards will be loaded with the appropriate annual amounts by 10 AM every July 1 for Residents.

For Medical Students, meal cards will be loaded with the appropriate two-week limit by 10 AM the first day of each block rotation and will then be subsequently reloaded every two weeks to adjust for the asymmetrical scheduling system used by UT for students.

Meal cards used in the main Baroness Erlanger Café (the Erlanger Cafeteria), will be given a 10% discount (comparable to the employee discount given Erlanger staff) for food and drinks not related to Subway or Chick-Fil-A. Although you can use the meal card for food and drink from Subway or Chick-Fil-A, no discount is taken at the register since those are separate brands and are not owned by Sodexo. The meal card covers any food or drink item without limitation other than the maximum card limit.

Meal cards may also be used in the Erlanger Medical Mall for Starbucks; however, however, no discount will be available for Subway and Chick-Fil-A food since they are separately owned apart from Erlanger or Sodexo. Your meal cards may not be used to purchase gift certificates, gift cards, or non-food or non-drink items from Sodexo or Starbucks.

Erlanger/Sodexo issued meal cards will not be honored by other restaurants in the Medical Mall unless they fall under the operation of Erlanger Health System (e.g., Hour Place Restaurant, Vibrant Meals, and Chef's Corner (a barbeque restaurant), all in the Medical Mall).

Recently Erlanger and Sodexo have added a new On-Spot Dining section of vending machines with fresh food, snacks, and Starbucks coffee located at the entrance to the cafeteria. Another location is available with two On Spot Dining refrigerators in the adult Emergency Department waiting area.

Sodexo is working with Erlanger's IT Department enable these machines to accept your Sodexo issued meal cards as payment. There has been a firewall issue blocking that, but we haven't given up. The machines already accept your individual, personal debit and credit cards as payment.

The meal card benefit is meant to help offset the cost of call meals and is not for anyone except Residents and Medical Students. Residents and Medical Students should not get food for anyone other than the trainee -- not for another Resident, Medical Student, Faculty member, family member, or hospital employee, or friend.

Trainees should also be wearing their Photo ID badge so the staff can properly identify them as a Resident or Medical Student.

In the evenings, Erlanger also provides sandwiches, fruit, snacks, and water in four Resident call areas: the Main Resident Lounge on East Wing 7, the Emergency Medicine Resident area within the EM academic area near the ED, the Internal Medicine Handover Room also on the Erlanger 7<sup>th</sup> floor, the OB/GYN Resident Call on the Erlanger 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, and the Pediatric Resident Lounge on Children's 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. All Residents and Medical Students have access to these areas and may take food and snacks from these locations when on call.

Erlanger is installing two filtered water fill stations soon: 1) one in the Pediatrics Resident Call area on Children's 400 and 2) another in the West Wing 7 Internal Medicine Handover/Work area (at the end of the Oncology Floor). If these are successful, we will install similar stations so all Resident call and work areas will use them instead of our having to order plastic water bottles. We hope to have all units by the end of Summer 2022.

Dining Room Managers may be reached at 423.778.7428 regarding any problems with the Cafeteria and its service. You may also contact the Erlanger contracted food service vendor, Sodexo at 423.778.7964 with issues involving meal cards or contact the GME Office to report problems.

**Note: The 2020-2021 Pandemic has significantly stressed resources throughout the hospital. Below are the hours of operation for the Baroness Café, Subway, Chick-Fil-A, and Starbucks at which you can use your meal card to obtain food and drinks as of June 2022:**

- **Baroness Café (first floor Erlanger between the D elevators and Erlanger Executive Offices)**  
Mon – Fri: 6:30 am thru 9 pm  
Sat & Sun: 6:30 am thru 8 pm
- **Chick Fil-A (inside the Erlanger Baroness Café)**  
Mon – Fri: 6:30 am thru 4 pm  
Sat & Sun: Closed
- **Subway (inside the Erlanger Baroness Café)**  
Mon – Fri: 6:30 am thru 9 pm  
Sat & Sun: 6:30 am thru 8 pm

- **Starbucks (inside the Erlanger Medical Mall, 1<sup>st</sup> floor not from the entrance near First Horizon Bank and the B and A elevators)**  
*Mon – Fri: 6:30 am thru 4 pm*  
*Sat & Sun: Closed*

(The term “Resident” refers to both Resident trainees.)

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