To support the teaching mission of an Academic Medical Center (AMC) outpatients are typically examined by both a resident and a physician, creating complexities that are not present in other outpatient settings. On the one hand, total examination time per patient tends to be higher, but, on the other, the availability of residents allows the physician to schedule patients concurrently, cushioning disruptions that arise from no-shows and cancellations. We develop, analyze and report on the implementation of a cyclic scheduling system that leverages the distinct characteristics of an AMC, to improve throughput in the presence of high rates of patient cancellations and no-shows.

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