I. Policy Statement
   A. The purpose of this policy is to establish measures to determine and assess the effect of a disaster or other interruption of care on residency education as well as to set forth steps and actions the Designated Institutional Official (DIO) may use to mitigate the situation.
   B. This policy is important because it is vital that residency training continues with minimal interruption.

II. Definitions
Not Applicable

III. Process/Content
   A. In the event of a disaster or interruption of patient care, the DIO or his/her designee will call an emergency meeting of the Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) to assess the effect of the situation on residency education, including the probable duration of the interruption.
   B. The DIO will work with hospital administration representatives and the medical staff office to coordinate activities, including patient care issues.
   C. The GMEC will develop a plan for residency education that will be presented to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) for review.
   D. If there is a need for residents to continue their training elsewhere, on a temporary basis, the Graduate Medical Education (GME) office will assist programs with arrangements for housing, salary, and other issues involved in a temporary transfer to another program. If a permanent transfer is necessary, the GME office will work with the accepting institution to arrange the transfer.
   E. All arrangements will be coordinated through the GME office working with the affected programs. The institution will continue to pay salary and benefits until other arrangements are in place.

IV. Attachments
Not Applicable

V. References, Regulatory References, Related Documents, or Links
Not Applicable