


Title: Graduate Medical Education - Disaster Policy

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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

- a. Resident – Resident means an intern, resident, or fellow who is formally accepted, enrolled, and participating in an approved MUHC medical training program. (based on CMS Guidelines for Teaching Physicians, Interns, and Residents and ACGME Glossary of Terms)

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 and Office of Graduate Medical Education (GME) 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, GME 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, GME will work with the accepting institution to arrange the transfer.

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- e. All arrangements will be coordinated through GME working with the affected program(s). The institution will continue to pay salary and benefits until other arrangements are in place.

IV. Attachments

- a. Not Applicable.

V. References, Regulatory References, Related Documents, or Links

- a. Not Applicable.