

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Medical University Hospital Authority
College of Medicine

Institutional Commitment to Graduate Medical Education

Medical education is a major component of the mission of the Medical University of South Carolina, the Medical University Hospital Authority and the College of Medicine. The Board of Trustees, the President of MUSC and the administrators, faculty and staff are committed to provide graduate medical education using the financial, educational and personnel resources necessary to ensure the highest quality programs. These graduate medical education programs will further our mission of educating future physicians for the State of South Carolina while providing the highest quality care for our patients to include:

- Patient Safety – including opportunities for residents to report errors, unsafe conditions and near misses, and to participate in inter-professional teams to promote and enhance safe care.
- Quality Improvement – including how sponsoring institutions engage residents in the use of data to improve systems of care, reduce health care disparities and improve patient outcomes.
- Transitions in Care – including how sponsoring institutions demonstrate effective standardization and oversight of transitions in care.
- Supervision – including how sponsoring institutions maintain and oversee policies of supervision concordant with ACGME requirements in an environment at both the institutional and program level that assures the absence of retribution.
- Duty Hours Oversight, Fatigue Management and Mitigation – including how sponsoring institutions: (i) demonstrate effective and meaningful oversight of duty hours across all residency programs institution-wide; (ii) design systems and provide settings that facilitate fatigue management and mitigation; and (iii) provide effective education of faculty members and residents in sleep, fatigue recognition and fatigue mitigation.
- Professionalism – with regard to how sponsoring institutions educate for professionalism, monitor behavior on the part of residents and faculty and respond to issues concerning: (i) accurate reporting of program information; (ii) integrity in fulfilling educational and professional responsibilities; and (iii) veracity in scholarly pursuits.

We pledge to emphasize coordinated care with community physicians and to take advantage of cooperative opportunities to work with other institutions to fulfill mutual educational objectives.

We commit ourselves to provide graduate medical education programs that enable physicians in training to develop personal, clinical and professional competence under the guidance and supervision of the faculty and staff. The program directors will assure that patients receive safe, appropriate and humane care by resident physicians who will gradually assume responsibility for patient care based upon each trainee's demonstrated clinical competence. We further commit to conduct these programs in compliance with the institutional and specific requirements of the ACGME, the Joint Commission and in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. As a major research institution, MUSC will encourage residents to participate in a wide range of scholarly activities including research and publications.



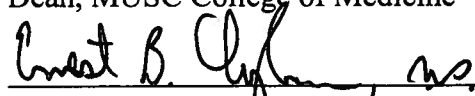
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