



## Stony Brook Medicine Graduate Medical Education

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### **Responsible Department/Division/Committee:**

Graduate Medical Education Committee

### **Policy:**

This policy addresses the administrative support for Graduate Medical Education programs and residents in the event of a disaster or interruption in patient care. This will include minimizing the impact of such a situation on the educational experience of the residents, protecting the well-being and safety of the residents, and making provisions for continuation of the educational experience and resident assignment.

### **Definitions:**

None

### **Procedures:**

In the event of a disaster, which may be determined by Federal, State and/or local governments and defined by ACGME where the training of residents is interrupted for a significant time, the Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) working with the Designated Institutional Official (DIO) and other sponsoring institution leadership at Stony Brook University Hospital (SBUH) will strive to restructure or reconstitute the educational experience as quickly as reasonably possible following the disaster. The DIO will be the primary institutional contact and maintain communication among house staff, program directors, hospital administration, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education

(ACGME) and Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS). This may be accomplished through emergency meetings, telephone, electronic mail, videoconferencing and/or facsimile.

In order to maximize the likelihood that residents will be able to complete the program requirements within the standard time required for certification in that specialty, the GMEC and DIO will make the determination if transfer to another program is necessary on either a temporary or permanent basis consistent with ACGME policies and procedures and CMS ruling relevant to the relocation and funding of residents affected by the disaster.

Should the GMEC and DIO determine that the sponsoring institution can no longer provide an adequate educational experience for its residents, SBUH will attempt to arrange for the temporary transfer of residents to programs at other sponsoring institutions until such time as SBUH is able to resume the training experience. Residents who transfer to other programs as a result of a disaster will be provided by the DIO with the estimated time that relocation to another program will be necessary. Should that initial time estimate need to be extended, the resident will be notified by the DIO using written or electronic means identifying the estimated time of the extension.

If the disaster prevents the sponsoring institution from re-establishing an adequate educational experience within a reasonable amount of time following the disaster, then permanent transfers will be arranged to the extent reasonably possible.

In the event of a disaster affecting other sponsoring institutions of GME programs, the DIO and GMEC will coordinate on behalf of SBUH the ability to accept transfer residents from the affected institutions. This includes requesting complement increases with ACGME that may be required to accommodate additional residents.

**Forms: (Ctrl-Click form name to view)**

None

**Policy Cross Reference: (Ctrl-Click policy name to view)**

None

**Relevant Standards/Codes/Rules/Regulations/Statutes:**

ACGME Institutional Requirements – IV.M.

**References and Resources:**

None