

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the University of Arizona College of Medicine Statement of Institutional Commitment for Graduate Medical Education

ISSUE:

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the national accrediting agency for graduate medical education (GME), mandates that institutions sponsoring residency and fellowship training programs have a written statement of institutional commitment to GME that is supported by the governing authority.

BACKGROUND:

- The ACGME recognized the Arizona Board of Regents as the governing authority for the University of Arizona College of Medicine.
- The ACGME requires the University of Arizona College of Medicine to provide documented evidence such as direct quotes from bylaws, strategic plans, minutes, etc., (actual dates and titles of documents) to demonstrate that the statement is supported by representatives from the governing authority.
- The College of Medicine prepared the attached Statement of Institutional Commitment for Graduate Medical Education in July 1998. This document was revised in September 2006 to include graduate medical education programs at the University Physicians Healthcare Hospital at Kino.

RECOMMENDATION/CONCLUSION:

RESOLVED: That the Arizona Board of Regents approve The University of Arizona College of Medicine Statement of Institutional Commitment for Graduate Medical Education by authorizing its president to sign the original document.

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Statement of Institutional Commitment to Graduate Medical Education

In 1962, under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Board of Regents, The University of Arizona was granted authorization to develop a College of Medicine. This major medical and educational organization includes the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Public Health, as well as the University Medical Center (UMC) and University Physicians Healthcare Hospital at Kino (UPHK), the primary teaching hospitals of the College of Medicine. The primary purpose of the College of Medicine is to educate a sufficient number of well-qualified physicians to assure health care for the citizenry of the State of Arizona.

Under the authority of the Arizona Board of Regents, the Dean for the College of Medicine, the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, the Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and the Special Assistant to the Dean for Graduate Medical Education at Kino, represent the governance, administration, and teaching staff of the College of Medicine.

Commitment to Graduate Medical Education (GME) includes the provision of an ethical, professional, and educational environment in which the curricular requirements as well as the applicable requirements for scholarly activity and the ACGME general competencies can be met. Commitment to GME is also demonstrated by the administration's support of the GME Office and the Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) both at University Medical Center and University Physicians Healthcare Hospital at Kino. The GME Offices, under the direction of the Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and the Special Assistant to the Dean for Graduate Medical Education at Kino, have the responsibility for the oversight and administration of the GME programs. The Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and the Special Assistant to the Dean for Graduate Medical Education at Kino report to the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs who is responsible for all education programs at the College of Medicine and for faculty affairs.

The GMECs, standing committees in the College of Medicine, have the responsibility for monitoring and advising on all aspects of residency education. The GMEC's responsibilities include establishing and implementing policies that affect all residency programs, maintaining appropriate oversight of program directors and acting as a liaison with appropriate personnel from affiliated institutions. The GMEC regularly reviews all residency programs to ensure compliance with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Institutional Requirements, Common Program Requirements and applicable Program Requirements, and reviews and provides recommendations on the appropriate equitable allocation and utilization of available financial and human resources for graduate medical education. The committees also recommend both expansion and reduction in the number of resident positions based on training priorities.

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