

## **UNIVERSITY HEALTH CARE** **HOSPITALS AND CLINICS**

### **GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION**

### **HOUSESTAFF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

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#### **ELIGIBILITY OF PHYSICIANS PROVIDING PATIENT CARE**

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##### **I. PURPOSE:**

To assure uniformity in determining who is eligible to be appointed to the housestaff or faculty of the University of Utah School of Medicine and provide patient care.

##### **II. POLICY:**

To provide patient care at University Hospital, or other health care facilities affiliated with the School of Medicine, a physician, dentist or podiatrist must be appointed to the housestaff or have a faculty appointment and be credentialed and privileged by the Medical Staff Office.

##### **III. PROCEDURE:**

**HOUSESTAFF** - To be appointed to the Housestaff, a physician, dentist or podiatrist must meet the requirements as spelled out in the "Essentials of Graduate Medical Education," and satisfy the credentialing procedure for housestaff. Foreign medical graduates are required to have an ECFMG certificate and a J-1 visa (if a non-citizen) as part of those requirements. Utah State Code § 57-1-307 allows housestaff to train without a Utah medical license. School of Medicine policy requires that housestaff are subject to the licensure requirements in accordance with Housestaff Policy Section 1, No.1. The Graduate Medical Education Committee may grant special exceptions to the licensure requirement for housestaff. Such exceptions are rarely granted.

**FACULTY** - To be appointed to the faculty, a physician, dentist or podiatrist must meet the eligibility requirements as stated by the School of Medicine Appointments Committee. Any faculty member who provides patient care **MUST** have a license to practice medicine in the state of Utah, medical staff privileges, and liability coverage. Any income generated by that patient care will be governed by the Faculty Practice Organization.

**FELLOWS** – Fellows who will have patient care responsibilities must be appointed as housestaff and meet the criteria as stated above, regardless of whether they are participating in an ACGME training program or another existing training program in the School of Medicine which does not have ACGME accreditation.

**NOTE:** The Medical Practice Act Rules §R156-67-306 reads in part, "2) any physician appointed to a graduate medical education or training program which is not accredited by the ACGME, for which exception from licensure is requested under the provisions of subsection 58 - 1-307(1) (c) shall apply for registration with and receive approval of the division and board as a condition precedent to that individual engaging in any activity included in the practice of medicine."

**VISITING PHYSICIANS** – Housestaff currently participating in an ACGME training program in another facility in the United States may come to the University of Utah School of Medicine and participate as a resident in one of its ACGME training programs. Prior to the beginning of the rotation, the following must be executed; a training agreement between the two institutions, a

Visiting Housestaff Approval Form, signed by the home institution Program Director, the visiting institution (University of Utah Medical Center) Program Director, and the Director of Graduate Medical Education at the University of Utah Medical Center. Faculty from other medical schools may come for a limited period of time, usually one year, on a visiting faculty appointment, as long as they meet the criteria for appointment. Physicians who have not been appointed to the housestaff or given medical staff privileges may not participate in patient care. These physicians will be classified as "clinical observers," and their activities will be so limited (see Housestaff Policies and Procedures Manual, Policy Section 5, No. 8, "Definition of a Clinical Observer").

**LICENSURE** – This requirement means that the applicant will need to have taken Steps I, II, and III of the USMLE examination, or another examination sequence, and meet all other requirements for licensure in the State of Utah as spelled out in the Medical Practice Act Rules § R156 –67-302d and in the University of Utah Hospital Housestaff Policies and Procedures Manual, Policy Section 1, No. 1.

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