RESIDENCY CLOSURE/REDUCTION POLICY
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Chapter: Graduate Medical Education Committee

I. PURPOSE
To establish an institutional policy regarding residency closure and or reductions.

II. POLICY
The University of Utah School of Medicine recognizes the need and benefit of graduate medical education. The University of Utah School of Medicine will provide programs in graduate medical education, and will ensure that all of its programs meet or exceed the Institutional and special Requirements as established by the Accrediting Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and its individual Residency Review Committees.

III PROCEDURE:
The University of Utah School of Medicine agrees to notify the GMEC, the DIO and all resident physicians as soon as possible of any adverse actions cited by the ACGME for any and all graduate medical education programs. If the program cannot correct the citations and the ACGME withdraws accreditation, or if the University of Utah School of Medicine decides to voluntarily withdraw accreditation and close the residency program, the University of Utah School of Medicine will attempt to phase out the program over a period of time to allow the resident physicians currently in the program to finish training. If this is not possible, the University of Utah School of Medicine and the Program Director will assist the resident physician(s) in obtaining another accredited residency program position. Resident physicians will be notified of such actions as soon as the decisions are made.

In the event that the University of Utah School of Medicine decides to reduce the number of residency physician positions in any graduate medical education program, the resident physicians will be notified as soon as the decision is made. The hospital will attempt to reduce the numbers over a period of time so that it will not affect the resident physicians currently in the program. If this is not possible, the hospital and the involved Program Director(s) will assist the resident physician(s) in obtaining another residency program position.