I. PURPOSE

To describe the requirement for residency programs to have program-specific policies.

II. POLICY

The Graduate Medical Education Resident Policy Manual, which is available on the GME website at www.medicine.utah.edu/gme, is the institutional policy standard for all residency programs at University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics. In most cases, residency programs will not create program-specific policies but will adhere to the policies in the Graduate Medical Education Resident Policy Manual. The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the accreditation body for residency programs, requires two policies to be program-specific: (1) Standards of Performance/Evaluation and (2) Supervision.

III. PROCEDURE

A. Each ACGME-accredited residency program (includes fellowships) will develop a Standards of Performance and Evaluation policy. This policy will establish the criteria for “promotion and/or renewal of a resident’s/fellow’s appointment” specific to the program accreditation requirements (per ACGME Institutional Requirements IV.C.1).

B. Each ACGME-accredited residency program (includes fellowships) will develop a Supervision policy. This policy will establish program-specific supervision practices and requirements consistent with the institutional policy and the program’s ACGME Common and Specialty Specific program requirements (per ACGME Institutional Requirements IV.I.2).

C. These program-specific policies will be housed in the departments, updated as necessary, and distributed to residents in training.

D. In all other matters of policy, the Graduate Medical Education Resident Policy Manual will act as the policy standard for all training programs.