TITLE: UVM Medical Center as the Sponsoring Institution for GME Training Programs

POLICY: UVM Medical Center is the sponsoring institution that assumes ultimate responsibility for all Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited Graduate Medical Education (GME) training programs at the UVM Medical Center and the Dental program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (collectively called GME training programs). Oversight of the quality of the learning and working environment extends to all participating sites. GME training programs are conducted in alliance with the University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine (UVM-LCOM). The UVM Medical Center Board of Trustees maintains authority over the GME training programs at UVM Medical Center.

UVM Medical Center is committed to integrating teaching and research into its healthcare service to ensure that learning occurs in an environment that facilitates patient safety and health care quality.

PROCEDURE
UVM Medical Center and UVM-LCOM are committed to and will support

- Education through active teaching and active learning;
- Research fostering inquiry and critical thinking which will ultimately lead to better clinical judgment and medical management; and
- Quality assurance for GME as measured by tracking our achievements against specific goals and objectives.

UVM Medical Center will sponsor GME Programs that are well-designed, accredited, monitored and evaluated regularly according to well-described policies and procedures required by the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), and UVM Medical Center GME policies and procedures.

The Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) has oversight over all aspects of GME. The Associate Dean for GME serves as the chair of the GMEC and is the “Designated Institutional Official” (DIO), as defined in the ACGME Institutional Requirements. The DIO is co-appointed by and reports to the UVM-LCOM Dean and the Executive Vice President (EVP) of Clinical Care/President & CEO of the University of Vermont Health Network Medical Group (UVMHNMG) and is financially supported through both institutions. The DIO, in collaboration with the GMEC, has authority and responsibility for the oversight and administration of the GME training programs and GME administrative staff as well as for ensuring compliance with the ACGME Institutional, Common, and specialty/subspecialty-specific program requirements. Program directors and full-time faculty members also have co-appointments to UVM Medical Center and UVM-LCOM with direct financial support.

UVM Medical Center assumes the responsibility to assure that residents and fellows in accredited programs receive salary, benefits, and other compensation that is commensurate with national, regional and local benchmarks. UVM Medical Center and UVM-LCOM further assume the responsibility to assure adequate staff support as well as a comfortable and safe working environment.

DEFINITIONS: None

REFERENCES: Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, Institutional Requirements

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