

Policy 2.300 Graduate Medical Education Committee
Section Resident Support/Conditions for Appointment
Subject Physician Impairment
Policy Requirements ACGME Institutional: IV.I.2. ACGME Common Program Requirements: VI.B.1.; VI.B.4.; VI.C.1.d) UAMS Policies: MS.1.02, 3.1.14
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Purpose

To address physician impairment.

Policy

The UAMS College of Medicine (COM) Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) has adopted these two University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) policies to address physician impairment:

- 1) UAMS Medical Center Policy, MS.1.02, Suspected Impairment of Medical Staff Members
- 2) UAMS Administrative Guide, Policy 3.1.14, Drug and Alcohol Testing.

All residents and fellows will be subject to site specific policies when rotating at a participating site.

Procedure

All residents/fellows must complete the confidential Practitioner Health Questionnaire and return it to the Office of Housestaff Affairs for review by the Designated Institutional Official (DIO). This questionnaire will be updated yearly at the time of renewal of the resident's/fellow's agreement of appointment (contract). Questionnaires with concerns will be reviewed by the UAMS Medical Staff Health Committee and may be reviewed by the respective Program Director and Departmental Chairperson.

Repeated evaluations documenting substandard academic performance or other grounds for consideration of academic probation or remedial work, existing in conjunction with one or more signs(s) or symptom(s) of impairment may be considered in determining whether or not the resident/fellow obtains a medical and/or psychiatric evaluation. Members of the UAMS and Arkansas Children's Medical Staff Health committees and staff members of the UAMS Resident Wellness Program are available to assist in confirming or validating suspected abuse, dependency and/or impairment.

Resources

Information about physician impairment and the services of the [UAMS Resident Wellness Program](#) is provided to all incoming residents and fellows as part of the UAMS COM GME Orientation process.