

Policy 3.600 Graduate Medical Education Committee
Section Resident/Fellow Supervision/Work Environment
Subject Substantial Disruptions in Patient Care or Education
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Purpose: To outline the process for substantial disruptions in patient care or education.

Policy: The College of Medicine (COM) Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) policy addresses support for Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)-accredited programs in the event of a disaster or other substantial disruption in patient care or education consistent with ACGME Policy 23.00. This policy provides information about the assistance for continuation of salary, benefits, professional liability coverage, and resident/fellow assignments.

Process:

1. Following declaration of a disaster or other substantial disruption in patient care or education, the Designated Institutional Official (DIO) and COM GMEC will work to resume the clinical and educational learning environment as quickly as possible.
2. If the DIO and GMEC determine that the Sponsoring Institution (SI) can no longer provide a clinical and educational learning environment for its residents/fellows, the SI and its ACGME-accredited programs will follow the process identified in *ACGME Policy and Procedures to Address Extraordinary Circumstances, 23.00*.
3. The SI will, to the best of its ability, arrange for the temporary transfer of the residents/fellows to programs at other SIs until such time as the SI is able to support residents/fellows in their clinical and educational learning environment.
4. If the SI is unable to re-establish an adequate educational experience within a reasonable amount of time, then permanent transfers will be arranged.
5. The DIO will be the primary institutional contact with the ACGME and the Institutional Review Committee Executive Director.
6. The Assistant Dean for Housestaff Affairs will be the primary institutional contact regarding assistance for continuation of salary and benefits.

7. Each Program Director will be the primary institutional contact for resident/fellow assignments for their respective program.