
POLICY AND PROCEDURE

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA HOSPITALS GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION POLICY ON SPECIALTY/SUBSPECIALTY TRAINING IN PAIN MEDICINE

Background

University of North Carolina Hospitals sponsors one Pain Medicine training program. Because pain medicine is a multidisciplinary approach to a common problem, the ACGME requires that there be an institutional policy governing the educational resources committed to pain medicine. This policy ensures cooperation of all involved disciplines.

Effective July 2007, there may be only one ACGME-accredited pain medicine program within a sponsoring institution and a single multidisciplinary fellowship committee to regularly review the program's resources and its attainment of its stated goals and objectives.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the educational training experience for the sponsored pain medicine program complies with the institutional and program-specific RRC requirements and that the allocation of clinical and other resources is monitored.

Monitoring and compliance

The program will perform an annual review of program effectiveness. The Designated Institutional Official (DIO) and the Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) will monitor educational resources committed to the pain medicine training program through the Annual Program Review, the Internal Review process, and the Annual Survey of Residents' Educational and Clinical Experiences.

If difficulties in the distribution of resources committed to pain medicine training are identified, the DIO will meet with members of the program involved to assess the issues and to recommend corrective action. The DIO will report these findings to the Chief Operations Officer (COO), and the DIO and COO may meet with the pain medicine training director and other hospital/institutional officials. The DIO and COO's recommendations will be forwarded for approval to the GMEC.

Any request for program changes in pain medicine will be reviewed through customary GMEC processes.

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