Residents/fellows are required to register for a variety of numbers to ensure proper patient care can be maintained. The next several pages will explain these numbers.

These are the first 2 registrations that need to be completed.
- National Provider Identifier (NPI) Number
- Connecticut Controlled Substance (CSR) Number

Then, these registration need to be completed with a valid NPI number
- Connecticut Medicaid Assistance Program (CMAP)
- Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS)

Finally, complete this registration with a valid CSR and hospital DEA number
- Connecticut Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System (CPMRS)
- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Number

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National Provider Identifier (NPI) Number

A National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a unique 10-digit identification number issued to health care providers in the United States by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). All residents/fellows are required to apply for and receive a NPI number at the time of training.

Residents/fellow must have an NPI before starting training at UConn with the appropriate taxonomy and program address. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in a resident’s/fellow’s inability to prescribe medications and begin training, employment and benefits. The University of Connecticut School of Medicine will not be responsible for any loss of privileges or fines as the result of the resident’s/fellow’s failure to comply with the above mandate.

Please follow the instructions below and call the GME Office with any questions:

- If a resident/fellow has not applied for a NPI and he/she has a Social Security Number, he/she should complete the online application at: https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/NPIRegistryHome.do

- If a resident/fellow has not applied for a NPI and he/she does not have a Social Security Number, he/she must complete the paper application available at: http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/Downloads/CMS10114.pdf

- If a resident/fellow is coming to a UCon sponsored program and already has a NPI, he/she must change the business address of the previous NPI number to their new program’s mailing address (please contact your program for this information). The taxonomy should be “390200000X – Student in an Organized Health Care Education/Training Program”, unless he/she has a Connecticut State Medical License that will be maintained throughout employment as a resident/fellow and is practicing independently in the state of Connecticut.
  - Information can be changed online at: https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/StaticForward.do?forward=static.npistart
  - Information can be changed with a paper application (could take 4-6 weeks) available at: http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/Downloads/CMS10114.pdf

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Connecticut Controlled Substance Number (CSR)

The State Department of Consumer Protection mandates that all residents/fellows practicing in the State of Connecticut must be registered to prescribe any controlled substance to any patient. This is different than the Federal DEA number as this is a State regulation. As long as the resident/fellow is employed by the Capital Area Health Consortium, the Capital Area Health Consortium (CAHC) will cover the registration fee.

All new incoming residents/fellows will submit their paperwork prior to beginning training and employment. If you already have an active CT Controlled Substance number when you join your UConn program, please inform the GME office. After the initial registration, all residents/fellows will be notified by the State of Connecticut when renewal is required. Residents/fellows are required to renew their registration every odd-numbered year. The CAHC will reimburse the resident/fellow via their paycheck. A copy of the payment must be provided to the resident’s/fellow’s Program Coordinator before the reimbursement can be processed.

All physicians are required to notify the State of Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection License Services Division at 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06106 within five (5) days of a change in address or department.

Failure to comply with this requirement could result in a resident’s/fellow's inability to prescribe controlled substance medications and may also result in a fine. The CAHC and the University of Connecticut School of Medicine will not be responsible for any loss of privileges or fines as the result of the resident’s/fellow's failure to comply with the above mandate.

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Connecticut Medicaid Assistance Program (CMAP)

The Department of Social services (DSS) provides medical assistance to low income people through the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP). All residents/fellows are required to register with the Connecticut Medicaid Assistance Program (CMAP). Patients are dependent on the enrollment of residents/fellows to receive benefits as a prescription.

The CMAP enrollment requires the resident/fellow to have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) before registering. Once the NPI number is obtained, a resident/fellow should apply to CMAP at www.ctdssmap.com.

Failure to comply with this requirement could result in a resident’s/fellow's inability to prescribe. The University of Connecticut School of Medicine will not be responsible for any loss of privileges or fines as the result of the resident’s/fellow's failure to comply with the above mandate.

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Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS)

The Provider, Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) is a Medicare requirement that allows practitioners to prescribe Durable Medical Equipment (DME).

A National Provider Identifier (NPI) is required before enrolling in PECOS. The application is available online and on paper. The paper application for PECOS is called the Medicare Enrollment Application (CMS-8550).

There is an online application available at https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/pecos/login.do.

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Connecticut Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System (CPMRS)

The purpose of the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System (CPMRS) is to present a complete picture of a patient’s controlled substance use, including prescriptions by other providers, so that the provider can properly manage the patient’s treatment, including the referral of a patient to services offering treatment for drug abuse or addiction when appropriate. This is managed by the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection.

A Connecticut Controlled Substance Number is required to register with the CPMRS at www.ctpmp.com.

Failure to comply with this requirement could result in a resident’s/fellow's inability to prescribe medications and may also result in a fine. The University of Connecticut School of Medicine will not be responsible for any loss of privileges or fines as the result of the resident's/fellow's failure to comply with the above mandate.

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Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Number

A Drug Enforcement Administration Number allows a health care provider to write prescriptions. Residents/fellows are provided with a DEA Number specific to each affiliated hospital referred to as the institutional DEA number. No application is needed for an institutional DEA number to be issued. This is not an individual DEA. The individual DEA number can be obtained after a physician applies for and receives a state medical license. The individual DEA number stays with the physician throughout his/her career. A resident/fellow that wants to moonlight must have a state medical license and an individual DEA Number.

The resident/fellow must use the specific hospital DEA and suffix where the resident/fellow provided patient care to the patient. In other words, if a patient is seen at JDH and a resident/fellow writes a prescription for that patient, then the resident/fellow must use the DEA provided by JDH, plus their JDH-specific suffix.
Each Medical Education office at the affiliated hospitals will provide institutional DEA numbers for that hospital when a resident/fellow starts or participates in an orientation at that site.

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