MOONLIGHTING/EXTRA CREDIT

Professional activities outside the program or “moonlighting” may be engaged in by residents/fellows only with the permission of the Program Director. Program Directors must monitor the moonlighting activities of their residents/fellows and residents/fellows must report their schedules for moonlighting. Written permission must be placed in the resident’s/fellow's file prior to engaging in any moonlighting activity. Residents/fellows who engage in moonlighting activities without the knowledge and approval of the Program Director may be considered for disciplinary action.

The following rules apply to moonlighting:

- Residents/fellows cannot schedule any of these activities in such a way that they interfere with the requirements of their program, duty hours, health or performance.
- Moonlighting activities are not part of the malpractice liability coverage provided by the residency/fellowship programs. Residents/fellows must obtain the appropriate license, liability coverage, and DEA number for use in activities not related to the residency/fellowship.
- Residents/fellows cannot moonlight in the capacity of an independent licensed practitioner in activities related to his/her current training program.
- All moonlighting activity counts towards resident/fellow duty hours (see Clinical and Educational Work Hours Rules/Procedures).
- Residents/fellows may not hold admitting privileges in any hospital or charge or receive fees for professional services rendered as part of the residency/fellowship program.
- Residents/fellows in J1 status are not allowed to moonlight.

In addition to moonlighting, some programs have extra credit activities within the program at any of the University of Connecticut School of Medicine (UConn SOM) affiliated hospitals. These are activities that are part of the educational program.

- Hours spent on extra credit must be considered as part of the resident/fellow duty hours (see Clinical and Educational Work Hours Rules/Procedures).
- Hours spent on extra credit must be logged as appropriate in MyEvaluations.com, Kronos, etc.. Extra credit is monitored directly by the specific residency/fellowship Program Director as well as by the Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education (GME) and Designated Institutional Official (DIO).
- Residents may not engage in extra credit when on leave, on a letter of deficiency or when the resident/fellow is scheduled for vacation.
- Extra Credit is covered by the malpractice liability coverage at each site.
- PGY 1 residents are prohibited from participating in extra credit activities.

Residents in an approved research year can participate in moonlighting or extra credit with the program director’s approval.

The Program Director or GME designee may prohibit moonlighting or extra credit. Moonlighting and extra credit is prohibited if a resident/fellow is on a leave of absence for any reason, in remedial status or has a letter of deficiency. Also, residents/fellows who have reached the end of their training period but have not met requirements for receiving a diploma (i.e., Capital Area Health Consortium exit interview, Institution Curriculum etc.) are NOT allowed to moonlight under the auspice of the program or participate in extra credit activities.

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