

## **INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT TO GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION**

The University of Connecticut School of Medicine and its governing body, the Academic Affairs Subcommittee of the Board of Directors' mission is to provide excellent medical education, research opportunities, and medical care to the citizens of the State of Connecticut and all others. Graduate Medical Education is identified as a vital part of this mission. As such, the University of Connecticut School of Medicine sponsors Graduate Medical Education Programs that train physicians to practice independently within their specialty. Our graduates are an integral part of the school's efforts to recruit and maintain the highest quality health professionals to serve the citizens of the State. We do this with integrated partners for graduate medical education comprising John Dempsey Hospital (the University hospital), Hartford Hospital, Connecticut Children's Hospital, Trinity Health New England/St Francis Hospital, Hospital of Central Connecticut, and Hospital for Special Care.

The University of Connecticut's School of Medicine sponsors Graduate Medical Education Programs dedicated to facilitating residents'/fellows' professional, ethical, and personal development during residency education.

Graduate Medical Education sponsored by the University of Connecticut School of Medicine is dedicated to the continuous monitoring and enhancement of the quality of education provided to residents/fellows at all participating partner sites, as well as to meeting the new demands and responsibilities inherent in maintaining top quality Graduate Medical Education Programs. We strive to ensure that the programs meet or exceed all ACGME and specialty board accreditation standards. We are committed to ensuring that individual residents/fellows are well-prepared to meet certification requirements within their specialties. Each program is dedicated to the development and assessment of each trainee through documentation of competence and attainment of specialty-specific milestones.

To this end, the leadership of the sponsoring institution commits to providing the necessary administrative, educational, financial, human, and clinical resources required for Graduate Medical Education and our programs to achieve their mission. Furthermore, the sponsoring institution will ensure that the DIO, GME Office faculty and staff, and individual program leaders including program directors and program coordinators have the support and dedicated time necessary to effectively carry out educational, administrative, and leadership responsibilities.

This support will allow the Graduate Medical Education office and our sponsored programs to be successful in achieving our GME mission:

The mission of the University of Connecticut School of Medicine's Office of Graduate Medical Education (GME) is to provide effective oversight and management of high-quality, comprehensive, and culturally relevant educational programs to improve the overall health of the citizens of Connecticut. GME is committed to providing inclusive clinical learning environments complete with the resources needed to graduate highly qualified physicians able to meet the workforce needs of Connecticut. We do this by promoting academically vigorous programs that foster physicians' professional development and prepare skilled, ethical, and compassionate independent physicians who can meet the challenges of a changing healthcare environment. GME promotes research and scholarly activity in our residents, fellows, and faculty. We attend to resident well-being and an inclusive environment where all are treated with mutual respect. Lastly, we collaborate with our affiliated training sites, engaging residents and fellows as integral and transformative members of the healthcare system with the goal of providing safe, equitable, and effective patient-centered care.

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