

UTHSCSA Graduate Medical Education Policies

Section 1	Administration and Organization	Effective:	July 2007
Policy 1.3	Continuation of GME Support in the Event of a Disaster	Revised:	Responsibility: Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education
Continuation of GME Support in the Event of a Disaster			
Purpose	The ACGME requires that every Sponsoring Institution have a written plan to address administrative support for GME programs and residents in the event of a disaster or interruption in patient care.		
Definition	Disaster: An event or set of events causing significant alteration to the residency experience at one or more residency programs.		
Policy	<p>If, because of a disaster, an adequate educational experience cannot be provided for each resident/fellow the sponsoring institution will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrange temporary transfers to other programs/institutions until such time as the residency/fellowship program can provide an adequate educational experience for each of its residents/fellows 2. Cooperate in and facilitate permanent transfers to other programs/institutions. Programs/institutions will make the keep/transfer decision expeditiously so as to maximize the likelihood that each resident will timely complete the resident year 3. Inform each transferred resident of the minimum duration of his/her temporary transfer, and continue to keep each resident informed of the minimum duration. If and when a program decides that a temporary transfer will continue to and/or through the end of a residency year, it must so inform each such transferred resident. <p>The Designated Institutional Official (DIO) will call or email the ACGME Institutional Review Committee Executive Director with information and/or requests for information. Similarly the Program Directors will contact the appropriate Review Committee Executive Director with information and/or requests for information.</p> <p>Residents should call or email the appropriate Review Committee Executive Director with information and/or requests for information. Within ten days after the declaration of a disaster, the DIO will contact ACGME to discuss due dates that ACGME will establish for the programs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To submit program reconfigurations to ACGME and 2. To inform each program's residents of resident transfer decisions. <p>The due dates for submission shall be no later than 30 days after the disaster unless other due dates are approved by ACGME.</p>		