OSHA TRAINING

Policy Statement

Residents and fellows in ACGME-accredited residency and fellowship programs must be in compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards under the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA). The purpose of the standard is to prevent or to reduce the possibility of exposure to blood borne pathogens in the workplace. This policy outlines the requirement for annual OSHA training that must be completed by every SMHS resident and fellow.

Who Needs to Know This Policy

This policy applies to all residents and fellows who participate in an ACGME-accredited post graduate (GME) medical education (GME) training program sponsored by the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS).

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Who Approved This Policy

Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC)

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Policy

Annual training in universal precautions as required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is mandatory for all residents and fellows.

- OSHA training will be provided by the GME Office and assigned to each resident and fellow during the annual onboarding process.
- Residents and fellows are required to complete the training for the current contract year by the deadline determined by the GME Office.
- Residents and fellows who are hired off cycle must complete OSHA prior to their hire date and then every academic year thereafter.
- Documentation of completion of annual OSHA training will be retained in the GME Office and provided to affiliate institutions upon request.