QUALITY IMPROVEMENT/PATIENT SAFETY

PURPOSE:
To ensure that residents and fellows of The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences participate in Quality Improvement/Patient Safety activities as part of their educational program.

DEFINITION:
In accordance with ACMGE Common Program Requirements, residents must “systematically analyze practice using quality improvement methods, and implement changes with the goal of practice improvement.” As such, “the program director must ensure that residents are integrated and actively participate in interdisciplinary clinical quality improvement and patient safety programs.”

Quality Improvement/Patient Safety activities include but are not limited to the following:
- Quality Improvement/Patient Safety Conferences
- Participation in institutional Quality Improvement/Patient Safety and related committees
- Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Patient Safety Course
- Grand Rounds
- Patient Satisfaction Surveys
- Core Measures
- Utilization Management
- Scholarly activity resulting in implementation of initiatives to improve patient quality and safety of care
- Health Policy Fellowship

SCOPE:
This policy applies to all graduate medical education programs sponsored by The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

POLICY:
Each residency and fellowship program must develop policies to ensure all residents are involved in Quality Improvement/Patient Safety (QI/PS) activities.

REQUIREMENTS:
1. Each residency and fellowship program must ensure each resident participates in Quality Improvement/Patient Safety activities. The level of participation will vary depending on the QI/PS activities currently underway within the program and institution.
2. At a minimum, every program must incorporate Quality Improvement/Patient Safety Conferences into its curriculum, including use of the prescribed Patient Safety/M&M/Occurrence Review Form.
3. At least annually, in conjunction with the Annual Program Evaluation, the Designated Institutional Official for GME will provide the GMEC with a report of QI/PS activities as they pertain to the residents and the teaching programs.
4. The DIO will address any concerns identified regarding insufficient QI/PS involvement.
5. Programs must submit their policies to the GMEC for review and approval.

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