Trainee Taxi Voucher Program Guideline

**Policy Statement**

The hospital Trainee Taxi Voucher Program that residents and fellows may use for safe transportation home from assigned rotations at GW under the conditions described in this guideline.

**Who Needs to Know This Policy**

The George Washington University Hospital Chief Medical Officer and the nursing administrative staff; GW School of Medicine & Health Sciences residents; Program Directors.

**Policy Contact**

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**Who Approved This Policy**

Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) and the Resident Committee

**History/Revision Dates**

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Policy/Procedures

Housestaff who meet the criteria for eligibility set forth in this guideline may receive a taxi voucher by complying with the following.

As a GW resident or fellow, you may receive a voucher for cab fare if:

You drive to work and:

- have worked an "extended," shift, longer than 16 hours and are feeling sleep-deprived
- feel fatigued or ill and are concerned about falling asleep while driving -- regardless of the length of the shift you've worked
- You walk or use public transportation to get to work and:
  
  1. have worked an "extended," shift, longer than 16 hours and are feeling sleep-deprived
  2. feel it is unsafe for you to walk or use public transportation home after the shift you've worked, e.g., because your shift has ended after dark, or because criminal activity in the area through which you travel has been reported
  3. public transportation is not available at the end of the shift you've worked
  4. are concerned that you may be unable to walk home or use public transportation safely because you feel ill or are fatigued—regardless of the length of the shift you've worked

Fatigue increases your risk of being in a motor vehicle accident. It also lowers your awareness of your surroundings when walking or taking public transportation, making you vulnerable to crime or personal injuries. Please remember that this program was created in order to help you arrive home safely under the particular adverse circumstances described above and not for your convenience or to defray the cost of your regular commuting expenses.

Procedure to Obtain Taxi Voucher

- call Nursing Administration at 715-5330 15 to 30 minutes prior to leaving
- go to the fifth floor nursing administration office to pick up the voucher
- sign into the taxi voucher book
- call taxi company at 202-398-0500 for the taxi
- complete the taxi voucher and give to cab driver when arrived at destination