UW GME Policy and Procedure

Scope: The Office of Graduate Medical Education and all accredited post-graduate medical and dental training programs (i.e., residency or fellowship) and non-accredited clinical fellowship programs at the University of Washington.

Policy: The categories of UW GME policies are defined as follows:

UW GME policy: A policy that affects all UW-sponsored GME programs, and/or is necessary to ensure overall UW compliance with statutory, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), University, UW Medicine or UW School of Medicine (UWSOM) policies, rules, and/or regulations will be identified as a UW GME policy.

Department and Program policy: A policy set by a single Department or Program for an individual residency or fellowship training program that does not affect other programs or the UWSOM, and does not conflict with any University, UW Medicine, UWSOM or UW GME policy, will be identified as department/program policy.

Procedures: Setting UW GME policy

1. Any UW faculty, staff member, resident or fellow may submit suggestions for addition, deletion, or changes to a UW GME policy to the Office of Graduate Medical Education.

2. The Vice Dean for GME will review all such submissions and as appropriate include them in the agenda for the GMEC.

3. The GMEC will review policy recommendations, and approve recommended changes by majority vote. The Committee may modify recommended policy as appropriate.

4. The GMEC and/or DIO will be responsible for ensuring that all UW GME policies are consistent with applicable state and federal law, ACGME Institutional and Common Program Requirements, ABMS requirements, CODA requirements, and University, UW Medicine and UWSOM policy, and will make changes to policies as appropriate.

5. The GMEC will further review each UW GME policy at least every five years to ensure consistency with applicable state and federal law, ACGME Institutional and Common Program Requirements, ABMS requirements, and University, UW Medicine and UWSOM policy.

Setting Department/Program policy

Each Department Chair and Residency or Fellowship Program Director may set policies to meet applicable RRC and Specialty-specific Program Requirements, and other operating policies as they see fit, as long as the policies do not conflict with applicable state and federal law, ACGME Institutional and Common Program Requirements, ABMS requirements, CODA requirements, and University, UW Medicine, UWSOM or UW GME policy.