

## **SECTION 1.A.**

### **Description of Sponsoring Institution**

The University of Connecticut School of Medicine has affiliated with seven Hartford area hospitals for the education of residents and fellows. These hospitals include John Dempsey Hospital, Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Hartford Hospital/Institute of Living, St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, The Hospital of Central Connecticut, Hospital for Special Care, and the Veteran's Hospital-Newington campus. These seven hospitals make up the Capital Area Health Consortium (CAHC). CAHC has been contracted by the sponsoring institution to be the administrator of salary and benefits for all residency and fellowship programs, in addition to working closely with the GME office and participating on GME committees. The Consortium Board is made up of representatives from each of the seven institutions. Five of the seven institutions are considered major participating institutions. In addition, there are multiple participating institutions in Connecticut that provide specific learning experiences and are integral to the success of our Graduate Medical Education Programs.

The University of Connecticut School of Medicine sponsors forty-four ACGME-approved residency and fellowship programs and eight non-ACGME sponsored programs. These fifty or so programs sponsor close to six-hundred residents and fellows.

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## **SECTION 1.B.**

### **Institutional Commitment**

The University of Connecticut Health Center's School of Medicine has as its mission the commitment to provide excellent medical education, research endeavors, and medical care, first to the citizens of the State of Connecticut and then, to all others. Graduate Medical Education is identified as a vital part of this mission. As such, the University of Connecticut School of Medicine sponsors Graduate Medical Education Programs that train a sufficient number of health professionals with superior medical knowledge to provide quality medical care that responds to the needs of the today's community, as well as to future generations.

The University of Connecticut's School of Medicine sponsors Graduate Medical Education Programs dedicated to helping and facilitating residents' professional, ethical, and personal development during residency education.

The University of Connecticut School of Medicine Programs in Graduate Medical Education are an integral part of the school's efforts to recruit and maintain the highest quality health professionals in the area.

The Graduate Medical Education Programs, in response to community needs, emphasize primary care training along with selected specialty programs. Clinical and basic science research opportunities will be encouraged in all areas where there are Graduate Medical Education Programs.

Graduate Medical Education sponsored by the University of Connecticut School of Medicine is dedicated to the centralization, enhancement, and monitoring of the quality of education provided to residents and

fellows at all participating institutions, as well as to meeting the new demands and responsibilities inherent in maintaining Graduate Medical Education Programs.

As the sponsoring institution, the University of Connecticut School of Medicine will insure that the programs meet or exceed all Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and Residency Review Committee (RRC) general and specific requirements.

All programs will promote improved quality of care to the patient population, high quality provider/patient communication skills, and will emphasize personal and professional development along with ethical and humanistic behavior for the trainees in the programs. To this end, the University of Connecticut School of Medicine will commit educational, financial, and human resources to Graduate Medical Education.

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## **SECTION 1.C.**

### **Mission Statement**

The Graduate Medical Education mission is to promote excellence and insure the effectiveness of all of the GME Training Programs affiliated with the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. The University of Connecticut School of Medicine will help in facilitating residents' professional, ethical and personal development during their residency education.

Graduates of programs will:

- Provide patient care that is compassionate, appropriate, and effective for the treatment of health problems and the promotion of health.
- Demonstrate knowledge about established and evolving biomedical, clinical and cognate sciences and the application of this knowledge to patient care.
- Investigate and evaluate their patient care practices, appraise and assimilate scientific evidence, and improve their patient care practices.
- Demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills that result in effective information exchange and teaming with the patients, families, and professional associates.
- Demonstrate a commitment to carrying out professional responsibilities, adherence to ethical principles, and sensitivity to a diverse patient population.
- Demonstrate an awareness of and a responsiveness to the larger context of the system of healthcare and the ability to effectively call on system resources to provide care that is of optimal value.

To this end, all programs will develop a model that addresses and meets the healthcare needs of the citizens of Connecticut. This model will incorporate appropriate curricula, evaluation, and resident supervision and must support safe and appropriate patient care. GME will incorporate the information and evaluation systems for clinical and educational activities and integrate the expertise and perspectives of both university and community-based faculty. GME will also provide appropriate support services to trainees to establish a safe and healthy learning and working environment.

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