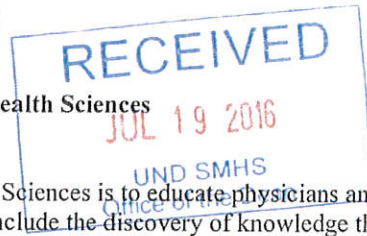


Statement of Institutional Commitment
to Graduate Medical Education

University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences



"The primary purpose of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences is to educate physicians and other health professionals and to enhance the quality of life in North Dakota. Other purposes include the discovery of knowledge that benefits the people of this state and enhances the quality of their lives."

The School of Medicine and Health Sciences ("the School") is committed to offering graduate medical education (GME) programs in which physicians in training acquire the competencies required for safe, effective, ethical, and humane patient care in their chosen specialties. The School ensures that each sponsored residency program has the educational, financial, and human resources it needs to enable its residents to acquire competence in the realms of medical knowledge, patient care, interpersonal and communication skills, professionalism, practice-based learning & improvement, and systems-based practice.

The School develops and maintains close relationships with its affiliated institutions to ensure that residents have access to the instruction, guidance, oversight, and clinical exposure needed to acquire competencies and to provide safe, effective, ethical, and humane patient care. The School fosters and maintains relationships with the broad network of full-time and volunteer faculty who participate in residency training programs. The School ensures that all residency programs are in substantial compliance with the institutional and program requirements of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. The School fosters a learning and work environment in all sponsored residency programs that promotes safe, effective, ethical and humane care through its support of faculty development, scholarly activity, and integrated planning. The School ensures that the residents' learning and work environment complies with pertinent regulatory and statutory standards.

The School fulfills its commitment to GME through an administrative structure that includes the Director of GME/Designated Institutional Official (DIO) and the Graduate Medical Education Committee. The Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) is responsible for ensuring the quality of all sponsored residency programs (Bismarck Family Medicine, Hettinger Rural Family Medicine, Minot Family Medicine, Williston Rural Family Medicine, General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Psychiatry, and Transitional Year). This oversight is conducted via regularly scheduled meetings, establishment of institutional policies, monitoring of sponsored programs' compliance with accreditation standards and other relevant outcomes, review of annual reports from each residency program to the committee, annual surveys of residents and core faculty, and special reviews of residency programs when needed. The GMEC evaluates the success of its programs in achieving their educational objectives and mobilizes institutional support for those needs shared by all programs.

The School will provide the financial support for the administrative, educational, and clinical resources, including personnel needed to support all sponsored GME training programs.

This statement of commitment will be renewed at least every five years, and is supported by the State Board of Higher Education, the administration of the University of North Dakota and its School of Medicine and Health Sciences, and the School's Graduate Medical Education Committee.

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