

## EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

The Department of Surgery considers educational meetings to be part of the resident's education and these will not be charged as administrative leave as is indicated in the UND GMEC policy. In order for meetings to qualify as educational meetings, they must be approved by the Program Director or his designee at least one month prior to the meeting. Each resident is entitled to a certain number of meetings each year as designated below.

1. The Department of Surgery will pay for a resident's expenses whenever he or she is presenting at any educational meeting. This includes state, regional or national meetings. The surgical resident will be a representative of the Department of Surgery and is expected to present and act in accordance with Department of Surgery policies. Expenses will be covered as per travel reimbursement policy. Meetings at which residents present will not be counted towards the educational meeting they are allotted each year (see below).
2. General surgery interns will not be entitled to attend any educational meetings outside of the institution. The internship year is designed so that interns will attend all departmental meetings at their home institution to gain experience with presenting and meeting attendance prior to their second year.
3. PGY-3-4 surgical residents will be allowed to attend one educational meeting each year and will receive a \$1500 stipend from the Department of Surgery to help offset expenses. This meeting is subject to approval by the Program Director and must be approved a minimum of 30 days in advance.
4. PGY-2 residents will be required to attend the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Residents as Teachers meeting held in the spring of each year.
5. PGY-5 residents will be required to attend the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Clinical Congress meeting as their educational meeting for the year. They will also attend the Starting Surgical Practice: Essentials for Success during this meeting.

In order to qualify for an educational meeting, residents must score at or above the 20<sup>th</sup> percentile on the American Board of Surgery In-Training Examination and be in good academic standing\*. Those residents scoring below the 20<sup>th</sup> percentile are required to complete the New York Review Course purchased by the Department as their educational meeting. An assigned schedule will be provided by either the Program Director or one of the Association Program Directors.

Approved meetings must be no longer than four (4) days in length and must have educational conferences for at least six (6) hours of each day. Approval will only be granted for meetings within the continental United States and of sufficient surgical educational benefit. Expenses will be covered as per travel reimbursement policy.

\*Good academic standing = promotion without any contingencies and ABSITE score above the 20<sup>th</sup> percentile.