SUBJECT: Communication with Medical Staff

POLICY STATEMENT: The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Institutional Requirements requires policies and procedures for communication between leadership of the medical staff regarding the safety and quality of patient care. The Graduate Medical Education (GMEC) will communicate via the DIO to the Medical staff at least annually about the following issues: Safety and Quality of Patient Care; Resident Participation in Patient Safety and Quality of Care Education; and Accreditation Status of Programs self-study visits, any Citation regarding Patient Care Issues, all action plans developed to address issues, results of any Clinical Learning Environment Review (CLER) visits during the preceding year, and how progress on identified issues will be monitored by the GMEC. The basis for this communication will be the Annual Institution Review conducted by the Institutional Program Review Committee.

DESCRIPTION:

1. These issues will be specifically addressed in writing and verbally in the Annual Report to the Organized Medical Staff of Shands HealthCare and the Malcolm Randall VA Medical Center and provided in writing, and to all other participating sites.
2. Regularly as needed, the DIO will report to the Medical Executive Committee at UF Health, the Medical Executive Committee at the Malcolm Randall VA Medical Center, and the UF College of Medicine Executive Committee and, when possible, attend their meetings.
3. Any issues noted in the communication will be specifically addressed in these meetings and action items created in cooperation with the GMEC.
4. In addition the Institutional Program Review Committee will keep the administration of UF Health - Shands HealthCare appraised of all quality and patient safety issues for each training program.
5. The VA GMEC (which reports to the Institutional GMEC) will function similarly for the Malcolm Randall VA Medical Center. The Chair of the VA GMEC is appointed from the VA Chief of Staff’s office and maintains excellent communication with the leadership at the VA on all issues including quality of care and patient safety issues. This committee will report all patient safety and quality of care issues to the Institutional GMEC.

Reviewed and Approved
Graduate Medical Education Committee
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