SUBJECT: Educational Resources for Pain Medicine Training Program

INTENT: Background

Because pain medicine is a multidisciplinary approach to a common problem, the ACGME requires that there be an institutional policy governing the educational resources committed to pain medicine. This policy ensures cooperation of all involved disciplines.

Effective July 2007, there may be only one ACGME-accredited pain medicine program within a sponsoring institution, and a single multidisciplinary fellowship committee to regularly review the program’s resources and its attainment of its stated goals and objectives.

POLICY STATEMENT: Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the educational training experience for the sponsored pain medicine program complies with the institutional and program-specific RRC requirements, and that the allocation of clinical and other resources is monitored.

DESCRIPTION: Monitoring and compliance

The program will perform an annual review of program effectiveness.

The program director will establish a multi-disciplinary fellowship committee with faculty representation from: Anesthesiology, Psychiatry, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and Neurology. This committee will report to the GMEC. The Designated Institutional Official (DIO) and the Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) will monitor educational resources committed to the pain medicine training program through the Annual Program Review, Institutional Program Review Committee, fellowship committee input and the Annual Survey of Residents’ Educational and Clinical Experiences.

If difficulties in the distribution of resources committed to pain medicine training are identified, the DIO will meet with members of the program involved to assess the issues and to recommend corrective action. The DIO will report these findings to the GMEC, which may meet with the pain medicine training director and other hospital/institutional officials. Any request for program changes in
pain medicine would be reviewed through customary GMEC processes.

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