SUBJECT: Prescription Writing Policy for Housestaff

INTENT: Provide specific guidelines to Housestaff for appropriate prescription writing

POLICY STATEMENT: Housestaff may only write prescriptions for patients with whom they have an established doctor-patient relationship within the context of their residency or fellowship training program. Writing prescriptions for themselves, family, friends or coworkers is strictly prohibited.

DESCRIPTION: Florida law prohibits writing a prescription for any patient outside the context of the physician’s practice. The law specifically states that “Prescribing, dispensing, administering, mixing, or otherwise preparing a legend drug, including any controlled substance, other than in the course of the physician’s professional practice” is grounds for discipline of the physician under Florida Law. At the University of Florida College of Medicine, the “course of the physician’s professional practice” means within the context of the residency or fellowship training program. Residents and fellows may not write prescriptions for themselves, family members, friends, and coworkers.

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