UC San Diego Health

UCSD Resident Physician Position Description

The goal of the graduate medical education training program is to (a) provide trainees (interns, residents, and fellows) with an extensive experience in the art and science of medicine in order to achieve excellence in the diagnosis, care, and treatment of patients and (b) to establish trainee eligibility to participate in the relevant ABMS Specialty Board examination. To achieve this goal, the trainee agrees to do the following for the duration of his/her graduate medical education training at UCSD Health.

1. Develop and participate in a personal program of self-study and professional growth with guidance from the Medical School's teaching staff.

2. Under the supervision of the Medical School's teaching staff, participate in safe, effective and compassionate patient care, consistent with the trainee's level of education and experience.

3. Participate fully in the educational activities of the residency/fellowship program and assume responsibility for participation in the teaching of more junior physicians, of medical students and students in allied health professions.

4. Participate in institutional programs and activities involving the medical staff and adhere to established practices, procedures and policies of the institution.

5. Participate in the standing committees of the Medical Staff and institutional committees, as assigned by the program director, especially those that relate to patient care review activities.

6. Develop an understanding of ethical, socioeconomic and medical/legal issues that affect graduate medical education and the practice of medicine. Learn cost containment measures in the provision of patient care.

7. Perform all duties in accordance with the established practices, procedures and policies of the institution, its programs, clinical departments and other institutions to which the resident physician is assigned.

8. Strict adherence to the moonlighting policies of UCSD and to the program in which the resident/fellow is appointed.

9. Comply with the duty hour and working condition policies of UCSD and the program in which the resident physician is appointed. This includes, in part, completion of surveys or data entry into GME database management systems as required by the training program, UCSDH, and the ACGME.

10. Adhere to the program's call schedule and schedule of assignment.

11. Document patient care in the medical record in a timely fashion as per Medical Staff policy.

12. Adhere to the ACGME Institutional Requirements (1) and to the ACGME-RRC Program
Requirements (2) for the specialty in which the resident physician is in training
13. Participate in the evaluation of the training program and its faculty


15. Comply with specific/special requirements of Affiliated Institutions to which trainee may rotate as part of his/her training. These requirements may include, but are not limited to, criminal background checks, substance abuse testing, health screenings, providing additional paperwork/information, etc.


17. Adhere to UCSD Office of Graduate Medical Education Resident Use of Email policy.

By signature, I acknowledge acceptance of this appointment and agree to comply with all University (3) and Medical Center Policies (4) including those described in the House Officer Policy & Procedure Document (HOPPD(5)) and UCSD Resident Physician Description.

New Resident/Fellow Signature
(e-signed m/d/yyyy)

Name: Resident/Fellow, New
Date: MMMM dd, YYYY

(1) ACGME Institutional Requirements: http://www.acgme.org/
(2) ACGME-RRC Program Requirements: http://www.acgme.org/
(3) University Policies: https://rmp.ucsd.edu/policy-records/ppm.html
(4) Medical Center Policies: https://blink.ucsd.edu/HR/policies/personnel.html
(5) HOPPD: https://blink.ucsd.edu/HR/policies/personnel.html