GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE POLICY NO. 21

A. SUBJECT: Commitment of Education for Pain Medicine Programs

B: EFFECTIVE DATE: January 23, 2014 (R)

C: POLICY: Policy on Institutional Commitment of Education for Multidisciplinary Pain Medicine Program and Committee

The following policy is developed to establish an institutional policy governing the educational resources committed to pain medicine that ensures cooperation of Pain Medicine, Anesthesiology, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Neurology, and Psychiatry, and participation, as needed, from Neurosurgery and Palliative Care. Furthermore, this policy establishes a single multidisciplinary fellowship committee, the Multidisciplinary Pain Medicine Committee that shall regularly review the program’s resources and its attainment of its stated goals and objectives.

Definition:

The Multidisciplinary Pain Medicine Committee shall consist of representation from the following core programs: Pain Medicine, Anesthesiology, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Neurology, and Psychiatry, and participation, as needed, from Neurosurgery, Palliative Care, and the Graduate Medical Education Office.

D: PROCEDURE:

1. The Pain Medicine Program shall have a curriculum that has integrated the ACGME competencies into the goals and objectives of each educational assignment (PM.IV).
2. Goals and objectives of each rotation/educational assignment shall be shared with the appropriate disciplines and reviewed by the Multidisciplinary Pain Committee, at a minimum, annually.
3. Goals and objectives of each rotation/educational assignment shall be shared with the graduate medical trainee prior to each rotation/educational assignment.
4. Pain Medicine fellows shall be evaluated during each rotation or similar educational assignment.
5. During the Multidisciplinary Pain Medicine Committee Annual Review of the Pain Medicine Curriculum, the Pain Medicine Program Director shall provide feedback to the rotation directors of Anesthesiology, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Neurology, and Psychiatry, with feedback provided by the pain fellows and faculty via a confidential program evaluation form.
6. Any conflicts arising that cannot come to a resolution between programs will be brought before the Multidisciplinary Pain Committee for resolution.
7. The Multidisciplinary Pain Committee shall meet as deemed appropriate by Chair of Multidisciplinary Pain Committee, and/or GMEC, DIO. Minutes shall be taken.

Reviewed/Approved:
GMEC Policy Subcommittee Review: February 9, 2010
Multidisciplinary Pain Committee Review: January 5, 2010
GMEC Reviewed and Approved: February 20, 2008, February 17, 2010
Reviewed/Approved: GMEC, January 23, 2014