



## GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE NO. 27

A: SUBJECT: Policy on Voluntary, Uncompensated Extramural Activities

B: EFFECTIVE DATE: April 19, 2023 (R)

C: POLICY:

The University of Virginia Graduate Medical Education (GME) program takes responsibility for clinical duties of graduate medical trainees ("trainees") performing medical activities and patient care within their training programs.

Activities arise where trainees perform voluntary, uncompensated patient-related activities outside the physical boundaries of the Medical Center, its Clinics, and affiliated institutions. Voluntary, compensated patient care activities fall under the guidelines of the Moonlighting Policy. The Graduate Medical Education Committee oversees the enforcement of this policy to provide some guidance and oversight to these activities.

D: DEFINITION:

Trainees may sometimes wish or be asked to deliver patient care in the community both with and without direct supervision. Specifically, voluntary, uncompensated activities that involve patient care may include, but are not limited to, healthcare screenings that occur outside the Medical Center, school well visits or physical examinations, health screenings and/or treatment of sports injuries at athletic events, and others when such activities are NOT part of a Trainee's training program. This policy outlines the requirements of trainees to participate in these extramural activities.

E: PROCEDURES

GME trainees hold temporary training licenses to practice medicine and surgery within their GME training programs and do not have legal authority to practice outside their training programs. The training license and the malpractice coverage provided to trainees by the Board of Medicine and the Commonwealth of Virginia do not extend to extramural activities as defined above.

In order to participate in voluntary, uncompensated patient-related activities outside the physical boundaries of the Medical Center, its Clinics, and affiliated institutions, a Trainee must either:

A. Establish their own legal authority by holding a permanent, independent medical license in the Commonwealth of Virginia or other state and securing their own medical malpractice coverage,

OR

B. The activity must fall within the educational program of the individual Department, where the following procedures are mandated:

- The Department must include the activity in its curriculum for training graduate medical trainees;
- Goals and objectives for the activity must be stated and given to the trainee;
- The trainee must be under the supervision of an identified LIP who agrees to supervise in accordance with the individual Department's Supervision policy
- The trainee's performance must be evaluated within the activity; and,
- The trainee must be given feedback on his/her performance.

For voluntary, compensated activities, see Moonlighting Protocol in the GMEC Policy 10: Learning and Working Environment and Policy 11: Moonlighting Activities.

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