



## **Tufts-New England Medical Center**

### **GME 01-H: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION EXTENSION OF TRAINING POLICY**

#### **I. Introduction**

This Policy establishes hospital-wide guidelines for extending training for House Officers (interns, residents and fellows, hereinafter "Trainees") appointed to GME programs sponsored by the Tufts-New England Medical Center Hospitals, Inc. ("T-NEMC").

Each GME program may supplement this Policy with its own written procedures. In cases where a program policy conflicts with this Policy, this Policy shall prevail.

The extension of training guidelines relate to those Trainees who might need to compensate for excused days to meet training and certification requirements.

#### **II. Extension of Training Requirements**

A Program Director may require a Trainee to compensate for excused days or a leave of absence. The extension of training period may be accomplished by either extending the Trainee's appointment year, or by reappointing the Trainee, for a time period sufficient to make up lost days.

A Program Director may require a Trainee to extend his or her training in order to complete all RRC-required clinical experiences, to repeat one or more unsatisfactory rotations, or otherwise to meet specialty board examination eligibility requirements. In these cases, the provisions of the Graduate Medical Education Policy on Evaluation, Advancement and Remediation of House Officers should be followed.

Required extension or reappointment periods are applicable in those situations in which the Trainee has not met RRC Program Requirements or American Specialty Board eligibility requirements during the regular appointment years, and when all other means for meeting these requirements have been exhausted.

#### **III. Stipend for Extension of Training**

The Trainee may receive a stipend during an extension of training, subject to the availability of funding. Any stipend paid will be at the rate of the incomplete year. The decision to provide a stipend is made by the Program Director, in consultation with the Director of Medical Staff Services.

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