



Tufts-New England Medical Center

STATEMENT of COMMITMENT To Graduate Medical Education

The Tufts-New England Medical Center is dedicated to excellence in health care, medical education, and research. The Medical Center provides primary care and is a major New England referral center for medical and surgical patients. The Medical Center pursues this mission in part through its commitment to support quality graduate medical education programs. *We strive to heal, to comfort, to teach, and to seek the knowledge to promote health and prevent disease. Our patients and their families are at the center of everything we do. We dedicate ourselves to furthering our rich tradition of health care innovation, leadership, charity and the highest standard of care and service to all in our community.*

The primary goal of the graduate medical education programs at the Medical Center is to educate and prepare physicians for excellence in independent practice, and for board eligibility in the full range of specialties and subspecialties.

The Medical Center will strive to assure that each residency and fellowship program will: a) appoint the most qualified applicants, b) retain outstanding faculty, c) offer comprehensive educational programs, d) foster and evaluate the professional development and personal growth of each trainee, and e) meet national GME accreditation and specialty board eligibility requirements.

As the sponsoring teaching hospital for over 40 accredited GME programs, Tufts-New England Medical Center is committed to achieving these following objectives:

1. Organizing, staffing and supporting a Graduate Medical Education Committee and Office with policy and oversight responsibilities as stated in ACGME Institutional Requirements;
2. Supporting a faculty of full time physicians who will teach and supervise Residents/Fellows, and who will contribute to the administration of the GME programs;
3. Offering appropriate educational resources (such as library, teaching space and equipment, and information systems), and offer educational programs in shared core curriculum subjects;
4. Ensuring that all Residents and Fellows provide supervised, safe patient care;
5. Facilitating and formalizing affiliations with other teaching hospitals and with Tufts University School of Medicine;
6. Ensuring that all Residents have ample opportunity to communicate any concerns, without intimidation or fear of retribution;
7. Striving to provide hospital professional, informational and support services so that Residents are not burdened with repetitive, non –educational tasks;
8. Coordinating the fair implementation of personnel policies and procedures for all trainees;
9. Providing adequate on-call rooms, food services, security, and related services;
10. Ensuring that resident duty hours comply with ACGME Requirements and hospital policies.

Approved:
GME Committee 12/9/03
Medical Board 1/9/03