



**STATEMENT of COMMITMENT
To Graduate Medical Education
Academic Year July 1, 2012- June 30, 2013**

Tufts Medical Center (Tufts MC) is dedicated to excellence in health care, medical education, and research. Tufts MC provides primary care and is a major referral center for medical and surgical patients in need of tertiary and quaternary care throughout New England. Tufts MC is also the primary teaching hospital affiliate of Tufts University School of Medicine. Tufts MC pursues this mission in part through its commitment to support quality graduate medical education programs.

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

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

As the sponsoring teaching hospital for over 40 accredited GME programs, Tufts MC is committed to providing adequate educational, financial and human resources toward achieving these objectives by:

1. Organizing, staffing and supporting a GME Committee and a GME Office, with support and oversight responsibilities as stated in the ACGME Institutional Requirements;
2. Supporting a faculty of full-time physicians who teach and supervise Residents/Fellows and who will contribute to the administration of the GME programs;
3. Offering appropriate educational resources (such as library, facilities, teaching space and equipment, and information systems), and offering 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 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 clinical information 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 appropriate on-call rooms, food services, security, and related services;
10. Ensuring that Resident duty hours comply with ACGME Requirements and hospital policies.

For Tufts Medical Center:

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