St. Joseph's / Candler Health System

Medical Staff Policy

Title: Residents

Section: Medical Staff Services

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Policy Statement

St. Joseph's and Candler Hospitals are not teaching hospitals. It is the policy of St. Joseph's/Candler, to allow residents of Memorial Health University Medical Center to participate in patient care in the hospitals under the direct supervision of their sponsoring physician for selected clinical experiences. This does not allow residents to provide the same care as the Resident or Medical Student Teaching Program at Memorial Health University Medical Center. All residents will be under the professional supervision of an assigned faculty member of the Memorial Health University Medical Center graduate medical education program.

Entities to whom this Policy Applies

St. Joseph's/Candler Health System

Procedure

- A. Clinical training opportunities for residents of Memorial Health University Medical Center will be provided at no cost to Memorial Health University Medical Center in return for the clinical services provided by resident physicians at no cost to St. Joseph's/Candler Hospitals.
- B. The type of clinical activities the residents are involved in will include surgical cases and unique or unusual cases that provide educational value. The majority of such cases would be in the surgical subspecialty portion of the resident curriculum. The educational objectives for these experiences will include preoperative, operative and postoperative care under the supervision of the attending physician.
- C. "Outside Rotation Resident Application", including appropriate information on the resident physician, the objective of the rotation and the name of the supervising physician, will be sent to the St. Joseph's/Candler Medical Staff Services office prior to the beginning of any clinical rotation where it is anticipated that some of the clinical activity may take place in St. Joseph's and/or Candler Hospital.
- D. All residents will be placed under the professional supervision of an assigned faculty member of the Memorial Health University Medical Center graduate medical education program. The supervising physician will make the determination of cases that provide educational value to the residents based on the curriculum and educational objectives of the assigned clinical rotation.
- E. The supervising physician must have full clinical privileges at the hospital where the educational experience occurs and will be governed under the jurisdiction of the St. Joseph's/Candler Medical Staff Bylaws while at the hospital.
- F. Residents will be assigned to St. Joseph's or Candler Hospital only during those times when the

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- supervising physician determines that a case is available that meets the educational objectives of the service that the resident is currently rotating on. The resident will spend only the appropriate time required for preoperative, operative and postoperative care for that specific patient under the supervision of the attending physician.
- G. Direct clinical supervision will be the responsibility of the supervising physician to whom the resident is assigned. The resident can provide medical care only in the presence of the supervising physician. Ultimate responsibility for the patient care remains the responsibility of the physician of record at all times.
- H. The resident may dictate operative notes as directed by the supervising physician using that physician's dictation number. The supervising physician is responsible for reviewing and countersigning the operative note.
- I. Any and all notations made by the resident in the patient's medical record must be countersigned by the supervising physician on a daily basis.
- J. The resident cannot be called to assess a patient or give orders for medication, treatment, etc., without the direct supervision of the supervising physician.
- K. The supervising physician will have responsibility for teaching and formal evaluation of the resident's performance. Final educational authority rests with the residency Program Director per ACGME standards.
- L. Residents will be expected to comply with all policies, procedures and directives of St. Joseph's/CandlerHospitals and Medical Staffs.
- M. In the event that St. Joseph's/CandlerHospitals becomes concerned that a sponsor or resident physician is not adequately performing his/her responsibilities, St. Joseph's/CandlerHospitals has the right to request that the sponsor or the resident stop training activities at the involved hospital.
- N. Memorial Health University Medical Center will provide professional liability insurance coverage for residents who carry out clinical assignments at St. Joseph's/CandlerHosptials., within the context of the residency education program.

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