

# YALE-NEW HAVEN MEDICAL CENTER (YNHMC)

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Subject: Continuation of GME Support in Event of a Disaster

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### Introduction:

YNHMC recognizes that there may be instances when disasters may affect the training program/training facilities of an institution and is committed to reconstituting and restructuring residents' educational experiences as quickly as possible.

### Policy:

If, because of a disaster, an adequate educational experience cannot be provided for each resident/fellow the sponsoring institution will:

1. Arrange temporary transfers to other programs/institutions until such time as the residency/fellowship program can provide an adequate educational experience for each of its residents/fellows.
2. Cooperate in and facilitate permanent transfers to other programs/institutions. Programs/institutions will make the keep/transfer decision expeditiously so as to maximize the likelihood that each resident will timely complete the resident year.
3. Inform each transferred resident of the minimum duration of his/her temporary transfer, and continue to keep each resident informed of the minimum duration. If and when a program decides that a temporary transfer will continue to and/or through the end of a residency year, it must so inform each such transferred resident.

The Designated Institutional Official (DIO) will call or email the ACGME Institutional Review Committee Executive Director with information and/or requests for information. Similarly the Program Directors will contact the appropriate Review Committee Executive Director with information and/or requests for information.

Residents should call or email the appropriate Review Committee Executive Director with information and/or requests for information. Within ten days after the declaration of a disaster, the DIO will contact ACGME to discuss due dates that ACGME will establish for the programs:

1. To submit program reconfigurations to ACGME and
2. To inform each program's residents of resident transfer decisions

The due dates for submission shall be no later than 30 days after the disaster unless other due dates are approved by ACGME.