

YALE-NEW HAVEN MEDICAL CENTER (YNHMC)

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Subject: Effects of Leaves of Absence on Satisfying the Criteria for Program Completion

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Introduction/Policy:

YNHMC recognizes that the requirements for Program completion varies based on Specialty Board and other certification requirements. Residents may take leaves of absence in accordance with applicable policies however, except as specified by the specialty boards, leave time does not count toward the requirements for certification.

It is the resident's responsibility to understand the impact of any leave of absence on the requirements of their training program (i.e. number of weeks that must be completed in order to be eligible to meet examining board requirements).

Procedure:

Residents must request leaves of absence in accordance with applicable policies. Leaves of absence require the pre-approval of the Program Director or Designated Institutional Official.

Residents on J-1 visas must receive prior approval from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical School Graduates (ECFMG) for any requests for leave of absence and for any extension of training.

Residents can access information related to eligibility requirements for specialty board information on the websites of the specialty boards. Links to these are provided on the Office of Graduate Medical Education/Housestaff page on the YNHH Website.