

# YALE-NEW HAVEN MEDICAL CENTER (YNHMC)

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Subject: Resident Use of Prescriptive Authority

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### **Introduction:**

Members of accredited and GMEC approved residency and subspecialty residency programs are considered to be trainees, and as such should not evaluate or treat conditions or illnesses in themselves or other residents/fellows at YNHMC or elsewhere, except where the staff presents as a patient in a clinic or the Emergency Department.

### **Policy:**

Residents/fellows and other legally authorized prescribers shall not prescribe any medication (including controlled and non-controlled substances), pharmaceutical or medical device or equipment for:

1. Him or herself, spouses, relatives or other family members;
2. Other residents/fellows or their families;
3. Other hospital staff, including nursing and attending staff, and their family members.

### **Procedure:**

1. To be legally authorized to treat or prescribe:
  - a. A physician patient relationship must exist
  - b. A record of the history, physical and treatment and/or drug prescribed must exist and be maintained as a medical record.
2. Failure to comply with this policy may result in discipline up to and including termination from the residency program.

Within the YNHMC culture of safety, there can be reporting anonymity for any resident/fellow having a concern about another resident/fellow either self-prescribing or prescribing inconsistent with this policy. Residents/fellows may contact the Ombudsperson, Designated Institutional Official (203.688.1449) or the GME Hotline (203.688.2277).