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	<b>Subject: Accreditation Standards</b>	

## **POLICY**

It is the policy of the Pennsylvania Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Health System (PAH) Graduate Medical Education (GME) program to comply with applicable accreditation standards established by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the pertinent residency review committees and specialty boards, and the Joint Commission.

## **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all PAH ACGME accredited and non-accredited training programs .

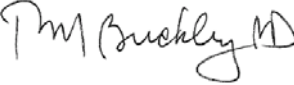
## **PROCEDURE**

### **Accreditation by the Joint Commission:**

Hospitals that participate in GME are required to be accredited by the Joint Commission. Joint Commission standards address selected areas of GME, most notably in regard to trainee supervision; roles, responsibilities and patient care activities of participants in GME programs; communication between the medical staff, the governing body and the Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC); and communication between the organizations jointly providing training to house staff within a given training program. The ACGME requires an explanation for the participation of any hospital within a GME program that is not Joint Commission accredited.

### **Recognition by American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Member Boards:**

Individual member boards within ABMS evaluate physician candidates who voluntarily seek certification by a member board of the ABMS. To accomplish this function, the member boards determine whether candidates have received appropriate preparation in approved residency training programs in accordance with established educational standards, evaluate candidates with comprehensive examination, and certify those candidates who have satisfied the board requirements. Physicians who are successful in achieving certification are called diplomats of the respective specialty board. The boards also offer re-certification for qualified diplomats at intervals of seven to ten years. The ABMS maintains a list of all board certified diplomats. Further information related to eligibility for specialty board examinations is available upon request to the Office of GME and the applicable GME program director.

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