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## **POLICY**

All program directors must develop and implement a departmental/ program policy regarding house staff's participation in institutional programs, medical staff activities and institutional committees.

House staff must be given the opportunity to participate in institutional programs, medical staff activities and institutional committees that will enhance their knowledge, skills and attitudes essential to the practice of medicine.

## **PURPOSE**

To give house staff the opportunity to participate in institutional medical staff and departmental committees to upgrade the educational process and to continue patient care.

## **SCOPE**


This applies to all house staff in Pennsylvania Hospital (PAH) sponsored training programs.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of the Designated Institution Official (DIO), Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC), Office of Graduate Medical Education (GME), Departments Chairs and Program Directors.

## **PROCEDURE**

1. PAH encourages house staff to participate in hospital and departmental committees in an effort to continually upgrade the educational process and to enhance patient care.
2. The house staff representatives to the committees are appointed by the program directors (except for the Graduate Medical Education Committee\*) who may solicit volunteers. House staff representatives are expected to attend all activities associated with committee membership.
3. The institution is committed to structuring its GME training to not only allow, but encourage, release time for these activities whenever deemed feasible by program directors.

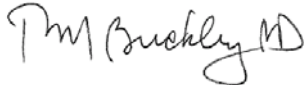
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4. To further an understanding of the organization and to take advantage of the contributions which house staff can make, the hospital has provided for house staff representation on these staff committees:

- \*Graduate Medical Education Committee
- Performance Improvement Committee
- Critical Care Committee
- Operating Room Committee
- Patient Rights & Ethics Committee
- Disaster Committee
- Library Committee
- Infection Control Committee
- Tissue Committee
- Blood Utilization Committee
- Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee

\*Voting Membership on this committee includes residents nominated by their peers, appropriate program directors, other members of the faculty and the designated institutional official or his or her designee. .

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