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	AGREEMENTS		Effective Date: January, 2014 Reviewed:

POLICY:

Mercy Medical Center Residency Programs enter into medical education consortium, sponsorship, clinical affiliation, preceptor, and faculty agreements which are reviewed periodically as defined by the various accreditation and specialty college requirements.

PROCEDURES:

1. Osteopathic Residency Programs are required to participate in an AOA-accredited OPTI. Mercy Medical Center currently participates in the HEARTland Network which is operated by the Des Moines University. A signed agreement is on file and must be reviewed and updated every five years.
2. When Residency Programs chose to enter into clinical affiliation agreements with other facilities where residents will be participating in patient care activities under the supervision of a Faculty member the agreement must meet the requirements of accrediting agencies and must be reviewed and updated at least every five years. (Mercy Medical Center currently has no offsite locations for required rotations.)
3. When Residency Programs allow “outside” elective rotations a letter of agreement is initiated by the teaching facility, signed by Mercy representative, and forwarded to the Reimbursement Department for consideration in the annual cost reporting process.
4. When Residency Programs pay routine stipends to Faculty that are not employed by Mercy or participating in a Mercy virtual practice or production based model a CHI approved faculty agreement is required for payment of services. See also Policy 11.26.02 on Medical Education Teaching Expectations.

Signature

Title