

UT Health San Antonio Graduate Medical Education Policies

Section 1	Administration and Organization	Effective:	October 2000
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Policy 1.1.	Statement of Institutional Commitment to Graduate Medical Education	Responsibility:	Designated Institutional Official

Statement of Institutional Commitment to Graduate Medical Education

Purpose The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) requires that every sponsoring institution develop and periodically update a written statement of institutional commitment to GME that is reviewed, dated, and signed at least once every five years by the Designated Institutional Official (DIO), a representative of the Sponsoring Institution's senior administration, and a representative of the governing body. This statement constitutes a commitment to providing the necessary financial support for administrative, educational, and clinical resources, including personnel to support graduate medical education (GME).

Policy The mission of UT Health San Antonio is to make lives better through excellence in education, research, health care and community engagement.

Strategies for achieving this mission are:

- Educating a diverse student body to become excellent health care providers and scientists.
- Engaging in research to understand health and disease.
- Commercializing discoveries, as appropriate, to benefit the public.
- Providing compassionate and culturally proficient health care.
- Engaging our community to improve health.
- Influencing thoughtful advances in health policy.

Our commitment to conduct fully accredited graduate medical education programs (residency and fellowship training programs) furthers our mission of providing the highest quality medical care to our patients, and supports our mission of educating future generations of physicians to serve our community, our region, and the State of Texas.

We hereby commit ourselves to ensure adequate institutional GME infrastructure and operations, to include:

- The DIO has sufficient financial support and protected time to effectively carry out educational, administrative, and leadership responsibilities, and engages in professional development applicable to his or her responsibilities as an educational leader;

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- Sufficient salary support and resources are provided for effective GME administration.
- All program directors have sufficient financial support and protected time to effectively carry out their educational, administrative, and leadership responsibilities, as described in the Institutional, Common, and specialty/subspecialty-specific Program Institutional Requirements;
- All programs receive adequate support for core faculty members to ensure both effective supervision and quality resident/fellow education;
- All program director(s) and core faculty members engage in professional development applicable to their responsibilities as educational leaders;
- All program coordinators have sufficient support and time to effectively carry out their responsibilities; and,
- Sufficient resources, including space, technology, and supplies, are available to provide effective support for each of its ACGME-accredited programs.

We further commit to offer GME that facilitates residents' professional, ethical, and personal development. The School of Medicine, as the Sponsoring Institution, and its GME programs, through curricula, evaluation, and resident supervision, support safe and appropriate patient care.

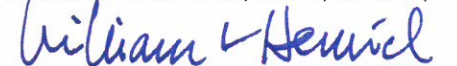
In addition, we are a part of a comprehensive university. As faculty of UT Health San Antonio, we engage in scholarly activity including research and will make available to resident physicians opportunities to participate in the scholarship of our medical community.

As the sponsoring institution for GME, we commit that all ACGME accreditable residency programs will be fully accredited and in substantial compliance with the institutional, common, and the respective program requirements. We support an organized administrative system to oversee all residency programs through the activities of the Graduate Medical Education Committee and the Vice Dean for Graduate Medical Education. We commit to provide the necessary education, financial, and human resources to support the residents, their educational environment, and the graduate medical education programs.

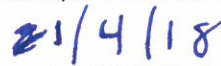
The governing authority, the administration and the teaching faculty and staff support this statement of commitment, developed by the Graduate Medical Education Committee.

Policy signatories

William L. Henrich, M.D., MACP, President, UT Health San Antonio



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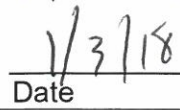


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Ronald Rodriguez, M.D., Ph.D., Interim Dean, UT Health San Antonio



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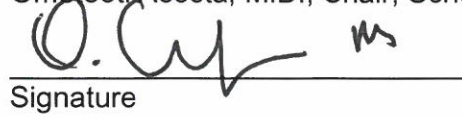
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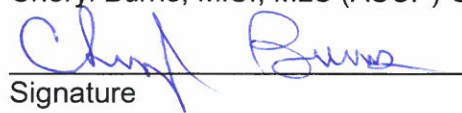
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