

UTHSCSA Graduate Medical Education Policies

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| Section 2     | General Policies & Procedures | Effective:      | May 2006                                       |
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| Policy 2.18.3 | Pain Medicine Programs        | Responsibility: | Designated Institutional Official              |

**Pain Medicine Programs**

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| Purpose | It is the policy of the UTHSCSA GME Committee (GMEC) that appropriate and fair processes govern the allocation of resources to GME programs in which there is similarity or overlap of educational mission.  |
| Policy  | <p>The ACGME mandates that institutional policies be established to cover the educational resources committed to pain medicine training programs and to ensure cooperation of all involved disciplines. The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, through sponsorship by the University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio, provides support to one Pain Medicine training program. Because pain medicine is a multidisciplinary approach to a common problem, the ACGME requires that there be an institutional policy governing the educational resources committed to pain medicine. This policy ensures cooperation of all involved disciplines.</p> <p>Effective July 2007, there may be only one ACGME-accredited pain medicine program within a sponsoring institution, and a single multidisciplinary fellowship committee to regularly review the program's resources and its attainment of its stated goals and objectives.</p> <p><b>Monitoring and compliance</b></p> <p>The program's Program Evaluation Committee (PEC) will perform an Annual Program Evaluation (APE) (see policy 3.5). The Designated Institutional Official (DIO) and the GMEC will monitor educational resources committed to the pain medicine training program through review of the APE, Periodic Program Reviews (PPR), Special Program Reviews (SPR), as needed, and the Annual Survey of Residents' Educational and Clinical Experiences.</p> <p>If difficulties in the distribution of resources committed to pain medicine training are identified, the DIO will meet with the Program Directors of the programs involved to assess the distribution and to recommend corrective action. The DIO will report these findings to the GME Executive Committee (GMEEC), which may meet with the pain medicine training director and other hospital/institutional officials. The GMEEC's recommendations will be forwarded for approval to the GMEC.</p> |