

**GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION CONSORTIUM OPERATING PRINCIPLES  
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*Section XX. Transfer of Patient Care (Hands-Off) Procedure***

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A system that is preferably electronic, must be in place to assure fluid exchange of patient care information between health care team members. Programs must also provide written schedules that inform all members of the health care team of attending physician and resident coverage in each patient's care.

Sponsored training program should periodically monitor effective, structured, hand-over processes to facilitate both continuity of care and patient safety. The program's evaluation of a resident's performance must also document whether residents are competent in communicating with team members in the hand-over process.