Section XXIII. Policy on Duty Hours, Work Environment and Moonlighting

The guidelines for monitoring and reporting duty hours can be found in the “Consortium Policy for Monitoring and Reporting Duty Hour Compliance”, which is attached to this document as Appendix F. Each program will develop written program-specific policies on duty hours, work environment and moonlighting.

Graduate Medical Education, sponsored by the GME Consortium, is a full time experience. Patients have the right to expect their care delivered by alert, healthy, responsible and responsive physicians. Additional working time may result in excessive fatigue and must be carefully monitored by Program Directors. If such authorization is granted, the House Officer must obtain permanent licensure, a personal DEA number, and a personal BNDD number. A description of internal or outside employment (moonlighting), including written authorization from the training Program Director must be included as part of the resident’s or fellow’s file. All duty hours, including time spent moonlighting must be reported to the training Program Director as outlined in the program specific requirements. The Program Director reserves the right to rescind moonlighting options if “fit-for-duty” issues, fatigue, poor academic performance or other issues arise. Moonlighting is defined as the practice of medicine for financial remuneration that is not recognized as part of the training program by the Program Director. Any House Officer who violates this prohibition will be subject to Disciplinary Action, including possible termination from his/her respective training program.