University of Kentucky  
College of Medicine  
Graduate Medical Education  
ACGME Program Director and Associate Program  
Director Protected Time/Support Policy  

Purpose:

The University of Kentucky College Of Medicine as the Sponsoring Institution of all Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited training programs must ensure that program directors and associate program directors as applicable have sufficient financial support and protected time to effectively carry out their educational and administrative responsibilities to their respective programs.

Procedure:

A. Program Director and Associate Program Director (as applicable) financial support and protected time must be consistent with the relevant specialty specific ACGME program requirements. When specific requirements are not listed, financial support and protected time must be sufficient to ensure program compliance with all training requirements.

B. Financial support for the Program Director should be provided using currently available sponsoring institution, affiliate clinical site, or other designated funds. The Program Director must not be required to generate clinical or other income to provide this support.

C. It is the responsibility of the department/unit in which the program operates in collaboration with Graduate Medical Education (GME) Office leadership to assure that such financial support and protected time is, in fact, provided and not compromised by other departmental missions.

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