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POLICY

Residents in Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs at The University of Toledo (UT) will be issued a hospital assigned DEA number for use during residency training

PURPOSE

To assure the residents prescribe controlled substances to patients under the direct care of the resident within the guidelines of the University of Toledo Medical Center, State Medical Board of Ohio, and Drug Enforcement Administration regulations.

PROCEDURE

Definition of Patient

In the context of this policy, the term “patient” refers to persons with whom a resident has established a physician-patient relationship as documented in the medical record. This may include peers, nursing, hospital medical staff, or friends who are established patients at the University of Toledo Medical Center or associated hospitals and whom the resident cares for in the clinic or appropriate medical setting within the scope of his/her duties within the residency program and is documented as such.

Use of the DEA Number

The University of Toledo will issue the resident a hospital assigned DEA number valid for the duration of training.

Residents may use a hospital assigned DEA number only to prescribe controlled substances to patients followed within the hospital’s system.

Residents may prescribe controlled substances only when the resident has a physician-patient relationship with the patient which must be clearly documented in the patient’s medical record. The purpose (i.e., diagnosis and plan of treatment) for each prescription of controlled substance must be documented in the medical record.

Residents may, in the context of their practice in the residency program, prescribe controlled substances and other medications only to patients under their care. Residents shall not prescribe excessive amounts of controlled substances to any patient, including the writing of an excessive number of prescriptions for an addicting or potentially harmful drug.

Residents shall not prescribe controlled substances for their own use or for use by members of their family.

Residents who hold an Ohio medical license and personal DEA number with that license may use their personal DEA number in lieu of a hospital assigned DEA number. Residents who use their personal DEA number in the context of their residency program shall abide by this policy.



Misuse of the DEA Number

Misuse of the hospital assigned or personal DEA numbers include, but are not limited to:

1. Prescribing controlled substances to patients not followed within the hospital's system.
2. Prescribing excessive amounts of controlled substances to any patient, including the writing of an excessive number of prescriptions for an addicting or potentially harmful drug to a patient.
3. Prescribing controlled substances by a resident for his/her personal use or the use of his/her immediate family.
4. Prescribing controlled substances by a resident for peers, nursing, hospital medical staff, or friends without clear documentation of physician-patient relationship in the medical record.
5. Any violations of the provisions of this policy.

Misuse of any DEA number will be reported directly to the Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education and could result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the training program (Refer to GME Policy 3364-86-008-00: Inadequate Resident Performance and Due Process). Misuse of a personal DEA number may subject the resident to disciplinary action by the Drug Enforcement Administration, State of Ohio Medical Board, or The University of Toledo.

Individuals found misusing hospital assigned or personal DEA numbers must undergo a "for cause" drug screen, and if indicated, a diagnostic and/or therapeutic intervention and subsequent indicated drug screens during the remaining time within the residency/fellowship program.

<p>Approved by:</p> <p> Chair, Graduate Medical Education Committee</p> <p> Dean, College of Medicine and Life Sciences</p> <p>Review/Revision Completed by: Graduate Medical Education Committee</p>	<p>Policies Superseded by This Policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None <p>Initial effective date: 11/01/05</p> <p>Review/Revision Date: Reviewed 11/06/07, Reviewed 11/03/09, Reviewed 11/1/11, Reviewed 11/5/13, Reviewed 11/3/15, Reviewed 11/7/17</p> <p>Next review date: 11/2019</p>
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