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POLICY

Residents in University of Toledo (UT) Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs 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, participating hospital sites, 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 any person with whom a resident has established a physician-patient relationship as documented in the medical record.

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 provide prescriptions when there is a legitimate physician-patient relationship which is 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/DIO 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><u>/s/ Shaza Aouthmany, M.D.</u> Chair, Graduate Medical Education Committee</p> <p><u>/s/ Christopher Cooper, M.D.</u> 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, Revised 11/5/19, Reviewed 11/5/21, Reviewed 11/1/22</p> <p>Next review date: 11/2024</p>
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