POLICY: CORE SPECIALTY BOARD CERTIFICATION FOR SUBSPECIALTY FELLOWS IN ACCREDITED TRAINING PROGRAMS

Scope: All residents and fellows participating in NYU Winthrop Hospital (NYUWH) subspecialty graduate medical education training programs (i.e. fellowships).

I. PURPOSE / RATIONALE

A graduate of a subspecialty training program (fellowship) must have passed the general subspecialty board certification examination in order to be permitted to sit for a subspecialty board certification examination.

A physician becomes less likely to successfully pass a specialty or subspecialty board certification examination as more time passes since residency/fellowship training. In addition, the ACGME requires that a high percentage of a fellowship program’s graduates take and pass their subspecialty board certification examinations. In order to increase the likelihood that our graduates will pass their subspecialty board certification examinations, and to ensure continued fellowship program accreditation, it is imperative that fellows take and pass their core specialty board certification examinations as early as possible.

II. POLICY

All subspecialty residents (fellows) must have taken, or be registered to take, their core specialty board certification written examination by January of their second year of subspecialty training.

For fellows who do not meet this requirement:

Fellows in three year fellowship programs will not be permitted to advance to the third year of fellowship training at NYU Winthrop Hospital.

Fellows in two year fellowship programs will not meet the requirement for graduation from the fellowship program, and will not receive a graduation certificate until this requirement is met.

Requests for exceptions to this policy must be approved by the GMEC.

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