POLICY: LICENSURE 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

The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) requires an unrestricted state medical license in order for a candidate to be permitted to sit for any specialty board certification examination.

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

An Unrestricted Medical license in any US state must be obtained within 3 months of matriculation into a subspecialty fellowship program at NYU Winthrop Hospital.

Application for a medical license should be instituted immediately after being accepted into any fellowship program. The licensing process can be cumbersome and time consuming. If not begun well in advance, obtaining a license within 3 months of starting fellowship training will be difficult. A copy of a current unrestricted medical license or evidence of licensure application submission must be provided to the Office of Academic Affairs prior to entry into any NYU Winthrop Hospital fellowship program.

If a fellow has not provided evidence of a current medical license to the Office of Academic Affairs by the stated deadline, the GMEC will review the specific situation and determine whether, and under what conditions, the fellow may continue in the fellowship training program.

Requests for exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Designated Institutional Official.

III. LICENSE RENEWAL

While it is recommended, fellows will not be required to renew their medical license once they have passed their specialty board certification examination.

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