MARSHALL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

HEMATOLOGY ONCOLOGY FELLOWSHIP
TRAINING PROGRAM

LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATIVE TRAINING OF RESIDENTS/FELLOWS FROM MARSHALL UNIVERSITY JOAN C. EDWARDS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE (MUSOM) AND EDWARDS COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER (ECCC)

This Letter of Agreement is an educational statement that sets forth important points of agreement between Marshall University School of Medicine (MUSOM) and Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center (ECCC). This statement of educational purpose does not affect current contracts and institutional affiliation agreements between the two institutions.

This Letter of Agreement is effective from July 1, 2020, and will remain in effect for ten years, or until updates, changes, or terminated by the Hematology/Oncology Fellowship and/or Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center (ECCC). Such changes must be communicated with the MUSOM office of Graduate Medical Education.

1. Persons Responsible for Education and Supervision

At MUSOM: Maria Tria Tirona, M.D., Program Director

At Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center:

Mohamed Alsharedi, MD
Jennifer Dotson, DO
Muhammad Jamil, MD
Toni Pacioles, MD
Maria Tria Tirona, MD – Site Director

The above mentioned people are responsible for the education and supervision of the residents/fellows while rotating at the Participating Site.

1. Responsibilities

The faculty at the Participating Site must provide appropriate supervision of residents/fellows in patient care activities and maintain a learning environment conducive to educating the residents/fellows in the ACGME competency areas. The faculty must evaluate resident performance in a timely manner during each rotation or similar educational assignment and document this evaluation at completion of the assignment.
2. Content and Duration of the Educational Experiences

The content of the educational experience has been developed according to ACGME Residency/Fellowship Program Requirements and are delineated in the attached goals and objectives for each rotation.

As Program Director, Dr. Maria Tria Tirona is ultimately responsible for the content and conduct of the educational activities at all sites, including ECCC. The Program Director, Participating Site Director and the faculty are responsible for the day-to-day activities of the residents/fellows to ensure that the outlined goals and objective are met during the course of the educational experiences.

Rotations may be in two (2) week blocks, but generally rotations are one (1) month in duration.

The day-to-day supervision and oversight of resident/fellow activities will be determined by the specialty service where they are assigned. Dr. Maria Tria Tirona is responsible for oversight of some resident/fellow activities, including coordination of evaluations, arrangements of conferences, sick leave, annual leave and benefits.

3. Assignments

MUSOM will provide to ECCC, the name of the resident(s)/fellow(s) assigned to the site, the service they will be training on and other relevant information. Residents/fellows will remain on MUSOM’s payroll, remain eligible for all resident benefits, including annual leave, sick leave, and health insurance, etc. Resident’s will be covered under MUSOM’s malpractice policy in the amount of one million dollars per occurrence. The policy also provides tail coverage and legal defense.

4. Responsibility for supervision and evaluation of residents

Residents will be expected to behave as peers to the faculty, but be supervised in all their activities commensurate with the complexity of care being given and the residents’ own abilities and level of training. Such activities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Patient care in clinics, inpatient wards and emergencies
- Conferences and lectures
- Interactions with administrative staff and nursing personnel
- Diagnostic and therapeutic procedures
- Intensive Care Unit or Ward patient care.

The evaluation form will be developed and administered by the Hematology/Oncology Fellowship. Residents will be given the opportunity to evaluate the teaching facility, clinical rotation and Participating Site at the conclusion of the assignment.
5. Policies and Procedures for Education

During assignments to ECCC residents/fellows will be under the general direction of MUSOM’s Graduate Medical Education Committee’s and the Hematology/Oncology Fellowship’s Policy and Procedure Manual as well as the policies and procedures of the Participating Site for patient confidentiality, patient safety, medical records, etc.

6. Authorized Signature

EDWARDS COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

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Goals and Objectives of the MUSOM
Hematology/Oncology Fellowship Program

- To mentor physicians to become proficient clinicians and consultants in the field of Hematology/Oncology.

- To instill the skills necessary for life-long self-education to allow for continued success in their chosen careers.

- To provide a balanced approach between the demands of their profession and other personal needs.

- To mentor physicians in the acquisition of humanistic qualities and interpersonal skills, cognitive knowledge, clinical experiences and procedural skills, along with other professional skills that will enable them to be effective Hematology/Oncology specialists.

- To instill the desire, and develop the needed skills, to teach colleagues, residents, students and other health care professionals about cancer biology, medicine and the care of patients with cancer.