

# **MARSHALL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

## **ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM**

LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR THE COOPERATIVE TRAINING OF RESIDENTS/FELLOWS FROM MARSHALL UNIVERSITY JOAN C. EDWARDS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE (MUSOM) AND the Veteran Affairs Medical Center (VAMC)

This letter of agreement is an educational statement that sets forth important points of agreement between Marshall University School of Medicine (MUSOM) and the VAMC. 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, 2021, and will remain in effect for three (3) years, or until updated, changed, or terminated by the Marshall University Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program and/or the VAMC. Such changes must be communicated with the MUSOM Office of Graduate Medical Education.

### **1. Persons Responsible for Education and Supervision**

At MUSOM: Ali Oliashirazi, M.D., Program Director,

At VAMC: Chadwick Knight, M.D., Chief of Surgery Department

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

### **2. Responsibilities**

The faculty at the VAMC 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.

### **3. Content and Duration of the Educational Experiences**

The content of the educational experiences 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. Ali Oliashirazi is ultimately responsible for the content and conduct of the educational activities at all sites, including the VAMC. 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 objectives are met during the course of the educational experiences.

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

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

#### **4. Assignments**

MUSOM will provide to the VAMC 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.

#### **5. 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 resident's 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 Marshall University Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program. Residents will be given the opportunity to evaluate the teaching faculty, the clinical rotation, and the VAMC at the conclusion of the assignment.

#### **6. Policies and Procedures for Education**

During assignments to the VAMC, residents/fellows will be under the general direction of MUSOM's Graduate Medical Education Committee's and Marshall University Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program's Policy and Procedure Manual,


as well as the policies and procedures of the VAMC for patient confidentiality, patient safety, medical records, etc.

**7. Authorized Signatures**

**VAMC**

  
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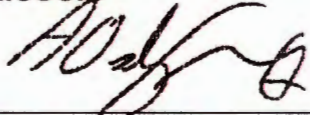
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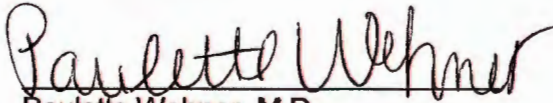
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Program Director

7/1/2021  
Date

  
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Paulette Wehner, M.D.  
Senior Associate Dean for GME/DIO

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