



## **Safe Transportation Home for Fatigued Residents and Fellows**

- Purpose:** To provide alternate transportation option for GME and Dental Education trainees who are too fatigued to drive home.
- Procedure:** Any resident or fellow training at NCH who believes that he/she is too fatigued to safely drive him/herself home may request a taxi voucher or utilize a ride-sourcing service (i.e. Uber, Lyft) to be used for a ride home to their local residence.

When taxi vouchers are issued, one voucher will be issued for the resident/fellow to use for transportation home to their local residence, and an additional voucher will be issued for the resident/fellow to return to the hospital from their local residence to retrieve his or her vehicle. Vouchers are issued per instance and must be used immediately. Vouchers to go home cannot be obtained prospectively--hours or days prior to use—and the voucher to return to the hospital must be used within 36 hours of being issued.

The resident/fellow who wishes to receive a voucher should report to the D Lobby Welcome Desk located on the first floor of the main hospital. The D Lobby Welcome Desk is staffed 24 hours a day. The resident/fellow will need to show his/her badge and complete and brief form documenting name, program, rotation, date and time. The resident/fellow will also need to ensure the vouchers are filled out completely when exiting the taxi. Patient Relations staff will collect the form and issue the taxi vouchers. The resident/fellow will contact the vendor (Yellow Cab Company) and request the cab. When requesting the cab, the resident/fellow should inform Yellow Cab Company that they have a pre-issued voucher with an established account number.

The resident/fellow who wishes to utilize a ride-sourcing service (i.e. Uber, Lyft) can utilize the service to be transported from Nationwide Children's Hospital to their local residence and from their local residence to return to the hospital to retrieve their

vehicle. Ride-sourcing services can be used per instance and must be used immediately to depart the hospital when too fatigued to safely drive him/herself home from the hospital. A return ride to retrieve vehicle must be used within 36 hours of initial departure home from the hospital. Residents/fellows wishing to utilize a ride-sourcing service will need to initially pay for the transportation using personal funds. Residents/fellows can submit Uber/Lyft receipts to their program coordinator for reimbursement within 10 days of receipt date.

The GME Office will track usage of vouchers and reimbursements.

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